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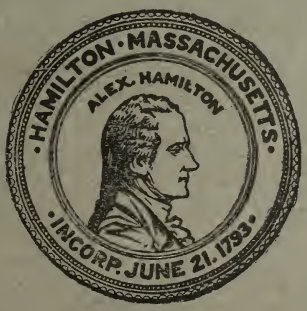

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LIST OF OFFICERS

Elected and Appointed

Selectmen

JONATHAN LAMSON, Chairman
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS BAYARD TUCKERMAN, JR.

Overseers of Public Welfare

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS, Chairman
BAYARD TUCKERMAN, JR. JONATHAN LAMSON

Board of Health

BAYARD TUCKERMAN, JR., Chairman
JONATHAN LAMSON ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS

Moderator

OLIVER WOLCOTT

Town Clerk

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

Treasurer

ANNIE E. WOODBURY

Tax Collector

CHARLES W. APPLETON

Surveyor of Highways

CHARLES E. WHIPPLE

Assessors

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman
Term expires 1929

GEORGE E. SAFFORD
Term expires 1928

JESSE S. MANN
Term expires 1930

Tree Warden

HARRY R. McGREGOR

Trustees Public Library

ROBERT B. WALSH, Chairman
Term expires 1930

ARTHUR W. CHANDLER
Term expires 1928

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL
Term expires 1929

School Committee

ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR., Chairman
Term expires 1930

CLARISSA E. READY
Term expires 1929

ALEXANDER H. SPROUL
Term expires 1928

Cemetery Commissioners

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman
Term expires 1930

FRANCIS C. NORTON
Term expires 1928

GEORGE G. HARADEN
Term expires 1929

Park Commissioners

GEORGE G. HARADEN, Chairman
Term expires 1928

LAWRENCE R. STONE
Term expires 1929

CHARLES F. POOLE
Term expires 1930

Constables

ARTHUR SOUTHWICK

ALVIN L. PERLEY

OSCAR A. WOOD

Chief of Police

ARTHUR SOUTHWICK

Moth Superintendent

HARRY R. McGREGOR

Superintendent of Cemetery

WILLIAM G. McKAY

Registrars of Voters

FRANK W. BUZZELL, Chairman
Term expires 1928

GEORGE E. SMITH
Term expires 1929

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN
Term expires 1930

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON, Clerk

Sealer of Weights and Measures

MERRILL S. LOVERING

Town Accountant

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

Town Counsel

ROBERT B. WALSH

Fire Engineers

CHESTER H. KNOWLES, Chief

LESTER M. WHIPPLE
RODNEY H. ADAMS

FRANK DANE
HARRY R. McGREGOR

Finance and Advisory Board

GEORGE v. L. MEYER, Chairman
COL. J. C. R. PEABODY — WILLIAM BANCROFT
LEVERETT A. HASKELL — FINLAY D. McDONALD

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

GEORGE R. DODGE

Inspector of Milk

GEORGE R. DODGE

Forest Fire Warden

FRED BERRY

Field Drivers

FRED BERRY — MERRILL S. LOVERING
FRED P. KILHAM — ERNEST M. BARKER

Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark

JESSE S. MANN — LESTER M. WHIPPLE
RALPH BERRY — TIMOTHY A. MOYNIHAN

Keeper of Lockup

GEORGE H. HARADEN

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Receipts

TAXES

Current Year:		
Property	$111,747 76	
Poll	608 00	
Previous Years:		
Property	22,393 44	
Poll	384 00	
		$135,133 20
From State:		
Income Tax 1925	$134 00	
Income Tax 1926	1,005 00	
Income Tax 1927	16,176 78	
Corp. Tax, Pub. Service		
1926	1 62	
1927	794 45	
Corp. Tax, Business		
1926	48 54	
1927	270 10	
Nat. Bank Tax 1927	698 85	
Trust Co. Tax 1926	94 34	
Trust Co. Tax 1927	885 05	
Street Rlwy. Tax 1927	179 05	
Veterans' Exemption 1927	52 00	
		20,339 78
Forwarded		$155,472 98

Brought forward		$155,472 98

LICENSES

Junk	$50 00	
Common Victuallers' Licenses	38 00	
Peddlers'	24 00	
Auto (2d hand dealer's)	12 00	
Denatured alcohol	5 00	
Pool and bowling	4 00	
Public amusement	2 00	
Oleo	1 00	
		136 00

FINES AND FORFEITS

Fines:		
Court	$179 90	
		179 90

GRANTS AND GIFTS

From State:		
Woodbury St. Acct.	$4,704 22	
Essex St. Acct. 1926	242 57	
Vocational Education	96 50	
From County:		
Woodbury St. Acct.	4,704 23	
Essex St. Acct. 1926	242 57	
Dog Licenses	434 83	
		10,424 92
Forwarded		$166,213 80

Brought forward		$166,213 80

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Moth Assessment 1923	$2 03	
Moth Assessment 1924	7 04	
Moth Assessment 1925	82 44	
Moth Assessment 1926	177 83	
Moth Assessment 1927	615 27	
		$884 61

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Hall:		
Rent	$15 00	
		15 00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Inspection:		
Sealer's Fees	$39 03	
Forestry:		
State Highway Work	81 50	
Forest Warden, Phone Tolls	48 60	
		169 13

HEALTH AND SANITATION

From Cities and Towns:		
Tuberculosis	$243 20	
		243 20
Forwarded		$167,525 74

Brought forward		$167,525 74
Highways		
From State:		
Snow Removal, State Highway	$36 00	
From Individuals:		
Reimbursement for Street Sign	7 11	
		43 11
Charities		
Outside Relief:		
From Individuals	$6 55	
From Cities and Towns	276 00	
From State	12 00	
Mothers' Aid:		
From State	34 66	
		329 21
Soldiers' Benefits		
State Aid	$264 00	
		264 00
Schools		
Tuition (from cities)	$148 25	
Sale of books and supplies	30 00	
Rent of dental equipment	5 00	
Reimbursement for broken glass	11 19	
		194 44
Forwarded		$168,356 50

Brought forward		$168,356.56

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fines	$44 04	
Sale of Junk	2 25	
		$46 29

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Public Scales, Fees	$5 23	
		5 23

CEMETERIES

Sale of Lots and Graves	$110 00	
		110 00

INTEREST

Deposits	$334 97	
Deferred Taxes	1,285 50	
Perpetual Care Funds	293 40	
Dodge Fund Income	50 63	
Allen Fund Income	24 29	
		1,988 79

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans: Anticipation of Revenue	$100,000 00	
		100,000 00
Forwarded		$270,506 81

Brought forward		$270,506 81

AGENCY AND TRUST

Trust:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	$350 00	
		350 00

REFUNDS

Departmental:		
Public Welfare	$20 00	
School	13 27	
Police	3 60	
		36 87
Receipts in year 1927		$270,893 68

BALANCES

General Cash Jan. 1, 1927	$20,952 88		
Dodge Fund Income January 1, 1927	194 79		
Allen Fund Income January 1, 1927	58 69		
		21,206 36	
			$292,100 04

Expenditures

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Salaries and Wages:		
Selectmen	$850 00	
Clerk	50 00	
Other Expenses:		
Carfare and expenses	61 00	
Stationery and postage	15 36	
Surveying:		
Garfield Avenue	78 25	
Willow Street	58 50	
Floral emblems	35 00	
Highland and Asbury Streets, Advertising, Sheriff's fees, etc.	30 00	
Repairs, North School	6 55	
Repairs, Center scales	5 25	
Typewriting	3 00	
Legislative Bulletin	2 00	
Copy of a Probate Court Record	1 10	
		1,196 01

Accounting

Salaries and Wages:		
Accountant	$1,200 00	
Other Expenses:		
Stationery, printing, etc.	66 94	
Express	58	
		1,267 52
Forwarded		$2,463 53

Brought forward		$2,463 53

TREASURY

Salaries and Wages:		
Treasurer	$750 00	
Other Expenses:		
Stationery, postage, etc.	82 17	
Surety bond	62 00	
Carfare and expenses	2 00	
		896 17

COLLECTOR

Salaries and Wages:		
Collector	$600 00	
Other Expenses:		
Printing, postage, etc.	98 63	
Surety bond	124 00	
Advertising	10 00	
Carfare and expenses	10 00	
Clerical work	16 00	
Telephone	12 34	
		870 97

ASSESSORS

Salaries and Wages:		
Assessors	$1,280 00	
Other Expenses:		
Printing, postage, etc.	45 87	
Typewriting	10 00	
Forwarded	$1,355 87	4,230 67

Brought forward	$1,355 87	4,230 67
Auto hire, carfare and expenses	86 00	
Abstracts from Register of Deeds	49 93	
Plans	12 50	
Banker and Tradesman	10 00	
Assessor's Auto List	5 00	
		$1,499 30

Other Finance Accounts

Certification of Revenue Notes	$10 00	
		10 00

Law

Salaries and Wages:		
Town Counsel	$200 00	
		200 00

Town Clerk

Salaries and Wages:		
Town Clerk	$500 00	
Fees	85 00	
Other Expenses:		
Printing, postage, etc.	36 22	
Carfare and expenses	3 00	
Surety bond	2 50	
Express	75	
		627 47
Forwarded		$6,567 44

Brought forward		$6,567 44
Election and Registration		
Salaries and Wages:		
Registrar of Voters	$200 00	
Election officers	110 00	
Other Expenses:		
Printing, postage, etc.	96 57	
Stenographic reports	35 00	
Food, Election officers and Reg. of Voters	28 50	
Carfare and expenses	2 00	
		472 07
Town Hall		
Salaries and Wages:		
Janitor	$975 00	
Other Expenses:		
Fuel	515 50	
Light	119 39	
Janitor's and kitchen supplies	82 37	
Repairs	222 34	
Telephone	74 10	
Removing Ashes	26 00	
Furniture and furnishings	25 06	
Repairing clocks	15 50	
Surveying and bound stones	33 16	
Tuning piano	8 00	
Laundry work	3 25	
Plants and bulbs	2 25	
P. O. Box rent	1 40	
		$2,103 32
Forwarded		$9,142 83

Brought forward		$9,142 83

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Town Hall Fire Escape

Contract	$518 43	
Extra work	100 27	
Plans and specifications	78 00	
		$696 70

Town Hall Insurance

Fire Insurance	$1,737 67	
		1,737 67
Total payments, General Government		$11,577 20

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Salaries and Wages:		
Chief of Police	$774 40	
Police officers	706 20	
Officers from other cities at Asbury Grove fire	154 35	
Other Expenses:		
Auto hire	78 00	
Equipment and repairs	15 36	
Telephone	108 85	
Forwarded	$1,837 16	$11,577 20

Brought forward	$1,837 16		$11,577 20
Light	9 00		
Rent	110 00		
Light, Traffic Beacons	51 50		
Collecting Dog Taxes	30 00		
Lunches at Asbury Grove Fire	25 90		
Legal expenses	35 00		
Medical aid	21 00		
Fees by order of Court	13 23		
Printing, postage, etc.	7 10		
Services, Police Matron	5 00		
Carfare and expenses	3 40		
Typewriting	3 00		
Food, Prisoners	70		
		$2,151 99	
Payments, Police Dept.	$2,151 99		
Receipts, Fines	179 90		
Balance, net cost to Town	$1,972 09		

Fire Department

Salaries and Wages:			
Firemen	$1,320 75		
Chief Driver and Supt. of Alarms	200 00		
Clerk	25 00		
Equipment and Repairs	639 03		
Fuel	165 00		
Forwarded	$2,349 78	$2,151 99	$11,577 20

Brought forward	$2,349 78	$2,151 99	$11,577 20
Light	96 64		
Power Fire Alarm	79 44		
Buildings and Grounds:			
Janitor	150 00		
Labor on grounds	59 75		
Repairs	38 16		
Janitor supplies	2 00		
Fertilizer	15 00		
Sharpening mowers	2 10		
Other Expenses:			
Telephones	74 39		
Postage, printing, etc.	7 00		
Medical aid	13 00		
Fire insurance	66 77		
Gas and oil	51 32		
Auto Chemical supplies	51 25		
Storage Fire Wagon	30 00		
Lunches, Asbury Grove Fire	37 24		
Typewriting	3 25		
Driver's license	2 00		
Express	1 17		
		$3,130 26	

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

FIRE CISTERNS

Contract	$2,975 00		
		$2,975 00	
Forwarded		$8,257 25	$11,577 20

Brought forward		$8,257 25	$11,577 20

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Salaries and Wages:			
Sealer	$145 28		
Other Expenses:			
Transportation	122 70		
Equipment and repairs	27 74		
Printing, postage, etc.	4 25		
		299 97	

FORESTRY

Insect Pest Extermination

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	$1,043 25		
Labor	1,274 85		
Other Expenses:			
Teams	281 61		
Equipment and repairs	301 33		
Insecticides	394 23		
Telephone	19 05		
Gas and oil	156 63		
Insurance, Liability	158 00		
Insurance, Auto	32 10		
Drum Sprayer Oil	16 10		
Freight and Express	14 60		
Carfare and Expenses	5 00		
Operator's License	2 00		
		$3,698 75	
Moth (Town Work)	$2,199 53		
Moth (Private property)	1,499 22		
Total	$3,698 75		
Forwarded		$12,255 97	$11,577 20

Brought forward		$12,255 97	$11,577 20

Tree Warden

Salaries and Wages:			
Pay rolls	$439 87		
Other Expenses:			
Equipment and Repairs	39 53		
Gas and oil	20 20		
		499 60	

Forest Warden

Salaries and Wages:			
Forest Warden	$25 00		
Pay rolls, fighting fires	38 00		
Other Expenses:			
Equipment and repairs	32 25		
Telephone	66 85		
		162 10	
Payments, Forest Warden	$162 10		
Receipts, Personal phone tolls	48 60		
Balance, net cost to Town	$113 50		

Tree Planting

Salaries and Wages:			
Pay rolls	$227 75		
Forwarded	$227 75	$12,917 67	$11,577 20

Brought forward	$227 75	$12,917 67	$11,577 20
Other Expenses:			
Trees	67 50		
Equipment and Repairs	2 45		
		297 70	
Total payments, Protection Persons and Property			$13,215 37

HEALTH AND SANITATION

General Administration:			
Board of Health	$100 00		
Clerk	25 00		
Quarantine and Contagious Diseases:			
Board and treatment	89 00		
Medical aid	184 50		
Fuel	16 50		
Cash allowance	17 79		
Groceries	10 28		
Expense sending dog's head to Boston	15 00		
Tuberculosis:			
Board and treatment	588 90		
Vital Statistics:			
Return of Births	1 25		
Other Expenses:			
Collection Rubbish	715 00		
Forwarded	$1,763 22		$24,792 57

Brought forward	$1,763 22		$24,792 57
Milk Inspector, salary	30 00		
Fumigation and disinfection	5 60		
Payments, Health Appropriation		$1,798 82	
Payments, Health	$1,798 82		
Receipts, from Towns	243 20		
Balance, net cost of Dept.	$1,555 62		

Inspector of Animals

Inspection Animals	$47 25		
		47 25	

Assessments by County

Maintenance, Essex Sanatorium	$1,027 05		
		1,027 05	
Total Payments, Health and Sanitation			$2,873 12

HIGHWAYS

General Administration

Salaries and Wages:			
Surveyor of Highways	$1,500 00		
		$1,500 00	
Forwarded		$1,500 00	$27,665 69

Brought forward		$1,500 00	$27,665 69

GENERAL EXPENDITURES

Labor	$6,646 30		
Trucks and Teams	4,036 66		
Stone, gravel, etc.	522 03		
Equipment and repairs	1,064 06		
Oil and patching material	1,243 09		
Gas and oil	751 38		
Insurance, Liability	472 72		
Insurance, Auto	85 51		
Cement and Mason work	136 00		
Engineer and Surveying	162 84		
Catch Basin	22 00		
Storage, Truck	18 00		
Printing, postage, etc.	11 75		
Carfare and expenses	9 65		
Drain pipe	1 89		
		15,183 88	

ROAD ROLLER

Engineer	609 00		
Equipment and repairs	70 06		
Fuel	158 31		
Oil and waste	11 25		
Final payment on New Roller	3,000 00		
		3,848 62	
Forwarded		$20,532 50	$27,665 69

Brought forward		$20,532 50	$27,665 69

OTHER EXPENSES

Payment on Willow St., Contract	$1,004 02		
		1,004 02	
Payments from Highway Appropriation		$21,536 52	

SNOW

Salaries and Wages	$4,746 01		
Trucks and Teams	2,870 59		
Other Expenses:			
Equipment and repairs	846 95		
Gas and Oil	393 82		
Insurance, Liability	189 68		
Insurance, Auto	6 03		
Storage, Trucks	156 00		
Registration State Truck	105 00		
Sand	33 50		
Freight and express	33 33		
Payments Snow Removal		$9,380 91	

STREET LIGHTING

Contract	$7,812 20		
		$7,812 20	
Forwarded		$38,729 63	$27,665 69

Brought forward		$38,729 63	$27,665 69

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Essex Street (1926 Account)

Final payment on contract	$5,526 62	
		5,526 62

Woodbury Street

Contract	$13,968 26	
Weigher (pay rolls)	76 00	
Catch basins	27 60	
Relocation of Street, advertising, Sheriff's fees, etc.	29 00	
Advertising for bids	8 38	
Freight	3 42	
		14,112 66
Payments	$14,112 66	
Receipts from State and County	9,408 45	
Balance, net cost	$4,704 21	

Guard Rail and Street Signs

Street Signs:			
Signs	$343 19		
Pay rolls	31 00		
Trucks and teams	24 00		
Forwarded	$398 19	$58,368 91	$27,665 69

Brought forward	$398 19	$58,368 91	$27,665 69
Cement	3 60		
Freight and express	1 57		
Guard Rail:			
Lumber and materials	217 15		
Labor	278 00		
Trucks and teams	79 50		
		978 01	

WILLOW STREET

Contract	$3,842 50		
Extra work	60 00		
Engineering	97 50		
		4,000 00	

In addition to above a payment of $1,004.02 to contractor was made from Highway Appropriation.

LOIS STREET

Contract	$1,657 60		
Engineer	330 50		
Extra work	75 00		
Bound Stones	8 00		
		2,071 10	
Total payments, Highway Division			$65,418 02
Forwarded			$93,083 71

Brought forward			$93,083 71

CHARITIES

Public Welfare

General Administration

Salaries and Wages:			
Overseers	$100 00		
Clerk	25 00		
		$125 00	

Outside Relief

Groceries and Provisions	$64 00		
Fuel	16 75		
Board and care	176 00		
Medical aid	24 45		
Rent	132 00		
Cash aid	1,560 00		
Burials	107 25		
Clothing	26 80		
Transportation	3 00		
		2,110 25	

Relief by Other Cities and Towns

By Cities:			
Board and care	$532 02		
Groceries	20 03		
Medical aid	18 29		
Forwarded	$570 34	$2,235 25	$93,083 71

Brought forward	$570 34	$2,235 25	$93,083 71
By Towns:			
Cash aid	80 00		
Groceries	63 42		
Fuel	12 00		
Rent	18 00		
		743 76	

MOTHERS' AID

Cash aid	$624 00		
Medical aid	23 05		
		647 05	
Total payments, Public Welfare			$3,626 06
Total payments	$3,626 06		
Receipts from State and Cities and Towns	329 21		
Balance, net cost of Dept.	$3,296 85		

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid	$264 00		
		$264 00	
Soldiers' Relief:			
Medical aid	$454 33		
Cash aid	96 00		
		550 33	
Total payments Soldiers' Benefits			$814 33
Forwarded			$97,524 10

Brought forward			$97,524 10

SCHOOLS

General

Superintendent of Schools:			
Salary	$1,200 00		
Clerk	357 50		
Expenses	135 38		
Truant Officer, salary	100 00		
Printing, stationery, etc.	3 00		
Telephone	116 81		
Traveling expense	42 10		
School Census	30 00		
Health:			
School Nurse	730 00		
School Physician	300 00		
Health supplies	81 19		
Other Expenses:			
School Library	41 57		
Advertising	4 00		
		$3,141 55	

Teachers' Salaries

High	$8,352 91		
Elementary	16,507 34		
Retirement Fund:			
High	450 28		
Elementary	642 84		
		25,953 37	
Forwarded		$29,094 92	$97,524 10

Brought forward		$29,094 92	$97,524 10

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

High:			
Books	$316 91		
Supplies	770 75		
Elementary:			
Books	262 77		
Supplies	686 47		
		2,036 90	

TRANSPORTATION

High	$2,820 00		
Elementary	2,820 00		
		5,640 00	

JANITOR SERVICE

High	$761 05		
Elementary	1,611 05		
		2,372 10	

FUEL AND LIGHT

High	$839 93		
Elementary	1,625 61		
		2,465 54	
Forwarded		$41,609 46	$97,524 10

Brought forward		$41,609 46	$97,524 10

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

High:		
Repairs	$786 02	
Janitor's supplies	98 00	
Removing Ashes	24 94	
Elementary:		
Repairs	901 01	
Janitor's supplies	98 12	
Removing Ashes	24 94	
		$1,933 03

FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

High	$95 52	
Elementary	28 77	
		124 29

OTHER EXPENSES

Fire Insurance	$1,036 31	
Industrial School Tuition	191 00	
Graduating Exercises, Diplomas, etc.	50 22	
		1,277 53
Total expenses, Schools		$44,944 31
Forwarded		$142,468 41

Brought forward			$142,468 41

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Salaries and Wages:			
Librarians	$525 00		
Clerical and Special Work	28 00		
Janitor service	62 00		
		$615 00	
Books and Periodicals:			
Books	534 78		
Periodicals	173 20		
		707 98	
Fuel and Light:			
Fuel	27 75		
Light	36 13		
		63 88	
Buildings and Grounds:			
Rent, Branch Library	330 00		
Furniture & furnishings	14 85		
Repairs	9 47		
Fire Insurance	225 65		
Janitor's supplies	5 45		
		585 42	
Other Expenses:			
Library supplies	18 00		
Stationery, postage, etc.	7 90		
Transportation books	8 00		
P. O. Box Rent	1 40		
Carfare and expenses	1 00		
		36 30	
Total payments, Public Library			$2,008 58
Forwarded			$144,476 99

Brought forward			$144,476 99

RECREATION

Parks

Labor	$265 00		
Other Expenses:			
Trucks and Teams	44 00		
Equipment and Repairs	10 85		
Surveying	23 35		
Signs	6 50		
		$349 70	

Special Appropriations

Winthrop Park Fence

New Fence	$250 00		
		250 00	
Total payments, Recreation			$599 70

UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	$250 00		
Care Town Clock	25 00		
Town Reports	386 87		
American Legion	250 00		
Boiler Insurance	41 39		
Game Warden	10 00		
		$963 26	
Total payments, Unclassified			$963 26
Forwarded			$146,039 95

Brought forward			$146,039 95

CEMETERIES

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	$668 00		
Labor	74 00		
Cemetery Commissioners	45 00		
Other Expenses:			
Equipment and repairs	24 80		
Teams and trucks	22 31		
Surveying	30 75		
Freight and expenses of Cannon, Soldiers' Lot	19 89		
Payments, Cemetery Appropriation		$884 75	
Payments, Care of Endowed Lots	$293 40		
		293 40	
Total payments, Cemetery			$1,178 15

INTEREST

Temporary Loans:			
Anticipation of Revenue	$2,338 94		
General Loans:			
T. B. Hospital Loan	701 25		
East School Loan	382 50		
Essex St. Highway Loan	361 25		
		$3,783 94	
Total payments, Interest			$3,783 94
Forwarded			$151,002 04

Brought forward			$151,002 04

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans:			
Anticipation of Revenue	$100,000 00		
General Loans:			
Essex St. Highway	3,000 00		
Tuberculosis Hospital	1,000 00		
East School	1,000 00		
		$105,000 00	
Total payments, Municipal Indebtedness			$105,000 00

AGENCY AND TRUST

Agency:			
State Tax, 1927	$8,040 00		
County Tax, 1927	7,959 32		
State Highway Tax, 1927	1,639 00		
State Audit, 1927	294 44		
		$17,932 76	
Trust:			
Investment Perpetual Care Funds	$350 00		
Investment Special Cemetery Funds	110 00		
		460 00	
Total payments, Agency and Trust			$18,392 76
Forwarded			$274,394 80

Brought forward			$274,394 80
REFUNDS			
Taxes Refunded	$28 56		
To State:			
Corporation Tax	62 32		
		$90 88	
			90 88
Total Payments Year 1927			$274,485 68
BALANCES			
General Cash, Dec. 31, 1927	$17,294 54		
Dodge Fund Income, Dec. 31, 1927	236 84		
Allen Fund Income, Dec. 31, 1927	82 98		
		$17,614 46	$17,614 36
Total			$292,100 04

TRANSFERS

Reserve Fund

TRANSFERS			APPROPRIATION		
1927			1927		
May 24	Willow Street	$1,000.00	Mar. 8	Appropriation	$3,000.00
Dec. 30	Forest Warden	77.10			
" "	Police	348.39			
" "	Highway	536.52			
" "	Lois Street	71.10			
" "	Soldiers' Relief	50.33			
" "	Fire Dept.	630.26			
" "	Interest	183.94			
Dec. 31	Balance	102.36			
		$3,000.00			$3,000.00

TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet, 1927

ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
Cash on hand		$17,614.36	Temporary Loans		$20,000.00
Outstanding Tax Accounts:			Overlay for abatement of taxes:		
Levy of 1924	$11.35		Levy of 1924	$11.35	
Levy of 1925	63.93		Levy of 1925	63.93	
Levy of 1926	8,121.63		Levy of 1926	1,255.49	
Levy of 1927	22,672.79		Levy of 1927	1,346.58	
		30,869.70			2,677.35
Special Assessments:			Special Assessment Revenue (outstanding moth accounts)		789.76
Moth 1926	$79.05		Departmental Revenue (accounts receivable)		1,255.19
Moth 1927	710.71		Surplus War Bonus Funds		965.37
		789.76	Dodge Fund Income		236.84
Accounts Receivable			Allen Fund Income		82.98
Com. of Mass.:			Overlay Reserve (surplus overlay)		3,853.99
State Aid	$264.00		Tailings Account (outstanding checks prior to Jan. 1, 1926)		61.16
Temporary Aid	588.00		Excess and Deficiency (Surplus)		21,987.28
Mothers' Aid	212.47				
Tuberculosis Subsidy	190.72				
		1,255.19			
Overdrawn Appropriations:					
Snow		1,380.91			
		$51,909.92			$51,909.92

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Bonded Debt	$29,500.00	East School Loan	$8,000.00
		Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	16,000.00
		Essex Street Highway Loan	5,500.00
	$29,500.00		$29,500.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust and Investment Fund	$12,481.88	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	$9,561.14
		Special Cemetery Fund	1,420.74
		Dodge Library Fund	1,000.00
		Allen Library Fund	500.00
	$12,481.88		$12,481.88

RECAPITULATION OF DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

Year 1927

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance Unexpended
Selectmen	$1,250 00	$1,196 01	$53 99
Accounting	1,300 00	1,267 52	32 48
Treasury	925 00	896 17	28 83
Tax Collector	900 00	870 97	29 03
Assessors	1,500 00	1,499 30	70
Certifying Notes	20 00	10 00	10 00
Law	200 00	200 00	....
Town Clerk	650 00	627 47	22 53
Election and Registration	500 00	472 07	27 93
Town Hall	2,200 00	2,103 32	96 68
Town Hall Insurance	1,800 00	1,737 67	62 33
Town Hall Basket Ball	50 00	....	50 00
Town Hall Fire Escape	700 00	696 70	3 30
Police:			
Appropriation	$1,800 00		
Refund	3 60		
From Reserve	348 39		
	2,151 99	2,151 99	....
Fire Department:			
Appropriation	$2,500 00		
From Reserve	630 26		
	3,130 26	3,130 26	....

Fire Cisterns		3,000 00	2,975 00	25 00
Sealer		300 00	299 97	03
Moth (Town Work)		2,200 00	2,199 53	47
Moth (Private Property)		1,500 00	1,499 22	78
Tree Warden		500 00	499 60	40
Tree Planting		300 00	297 70	2 30
Forest Warden:				
Appropriation	$85 00			
From Reserve	77 10			
		162 10	162 10	....
Health		1,800 00	1,798 82	1 18
Inspector of Animals		75 00	47 25	27 75
Highway:				
Appropriation	$21,000 00			
From Reserve	536 52			
		21,536 52	21,536 52	. .
Willow Street:				
Appropriation	$3,000 00			
From Reserve	1,000 00			
From Highway	1,004 02			
		5,004 02	5,004 02	....
Lois Street:				
Appropriation	$2,000 00			
From Reserve	71 10			
		2,071 10	2,071 10	....
Essex Street, 1926:				
Carried over	$5,044 95			
From County	242 57			
From State	242 57			
		5,530 09	5,526 62	3 47

Woodbury Street:				
Appropriation	$6,000 00			
From State	4,704 22			
From County	4,704 23			
		15,408 45	14,112 66	1,295 79
Snow		8,000 00	9,380 91	*1,380 91
Street Lighting		7,875 00	7,812 20	62 80
Public Welfare:				
Appropriation	$4,000 00			
Refund	20 00			
		4,020 00	3,626 06	393 94
State Aid		300 00	264 00	36 00
Soldiers' Relief:				
Appropriation	$500 00			
From Reserve	50 33			
		550 33	550 33	....
Schools:				
Appropriation	$44,500 00			
Dog Tax	434 83			
Refunds	13 27			
		44,948 10	44,944 31	3 79
Public Library:				
Appropriation	$2,000 00			
From Trust Funds	8 58			
		2,008 58	2,008 58	....

Parks	350 00	349 70	30
Winthrop Park Fence	250 00	250 00	....
Parks (Planting Shrubs)	300 00	....	300 00
Memorial Day	250 00	250 00	....
Town Reports	400 00	386 87	13 13
Town Clock	50 00	25 00	25 00
American Legion	250 00	250 00	....
Boiler Insurance	50 00	41 39	8 61
Game Warden	15 00	10 00	5 00
Reserve Fund	3,000 00	2,897 64	102 36
Cemetery	900 00	884 75	15 25
Interest:			
Appropriation $3,600 00			
From Reserve 183 94			
	3,783 94	3,783 94	....
Maturing Debt	5,000 00	5,000 00	....
Balance of Appropriations unexpended			$2,763 14

* Overdraft

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

December 31, 1927

	Endowment	Balance Jan. 1, 1927	Receipts 1927	Payments 1927	Balance Dec. 31, 1927
Abbott, M. K.	$200.00	$259.19	$11.79	$6.00	$264.98
Allen, Albert F.	100.00	102.20	4.64	4.00	102.84
Allen, Dr. D. S.	300.00	465.25	21.15	18.00	468.40
Allen, Dr. Justin	100.00	101.46	4.59	4.00	102.05
Andrews, Horace E.	100.00	106.70	5.38	3.00	109.08
Austin, Delia	100.00	106.72	5.16	3.00	108.88
Ayers Fund	150.00	170.49	7.75	4.00	174.24
Bean, Ellen A.	100.00	111.98	5.07	5.50	111.55
Bradstreet, John	200.00	200.00	10.52	4.00	206.52
Brown, Elizabeth S.	100.00	102.06	4.64	3.00	103.70
Burnham, Amos	100.00	107.23	4.86	4.00	108.09
Burnham, Choate	175.00	181.89	8.23	6.00	184.12
Butler, Nathaniel B.	100.00	103.31	5.21	4.00	104.52
Burton, F. J. & P. W.	100.00	111.15	5.61	10.00	106.76
Chadwick, Alden	100.00	104.52	5.07	3.50	106.09
Chandler, William	100.00	100.00	6.09	4.00	102.09
Cutler, Temple (old lot)	75.00	80.80	4.05	3.50	81.35
Cutler, Temple (new lot)	75.00	78.11	3.95	3.00	79.06
Dane, Ephraim A.	108.00	108.71	5.48	5.00	109.19
Dane, Francis	1,000.00	1,169.34	53.19	20.00	1,202.53
Dane, Joseph F.	100.00	103.59	5.23	4.00	104.82
Dane, Luther	100.00	110.75	5.02	4.00	111.77
Davenport, J. K.	100.00	103.82	4.71	4.00	104.53
Dodge, Edward W.	100.00	106.43	5.38	3.50	108.31
Dodge, H. Augusta	200.00	284.92	12.94	6.00	291.86
Dodge, James E.	100.00	114.89	5.78	6.00	114.67
Dodge, Joseph T.	100.00	107.61	4.89	4.50	108.00
Dufton, Joseph W.	100.00	107.63	5.43	4.00	109.06
Ellis, Emily	100.00	105.05	5.09	3.50	106.64
Elwell, J. E. & Gertrude	100.00	100.42	9.94	4.00	106.36
Fillebrown, H. K.	50.00	52.09	2.63	2.25	52.47
Gleason, William T.	100.00	105.08	4.77	5.00	104.85

Goodhue, Samuel G.	100.00	100.94	5.08	5.00	101.02
Graham, Charles E.	50.00	52.09	2.63	2.25	52.47
Hayes, Olivia E.	100.00	105.91	5.11	4.00	107.02
Haynes, George T.	100.00	104.96	4.75	4.00	105.71
Henry, Mary R.	75.00	79.52	4.01	3.00	80.53
Horne, Thomas	100.00	112.65	5.68	3.50	114.83
Kimball, Susan A.	150.00	155.79	7.86	5.00	158.65
Kinsman, Jacob	100.00	112.20	5.09	4.00	113.29
Knowlton, George K.	100.00	111.89	5.63	3.00	114.52
Knowlton, Isaac F.	200.00	229.58	11.61	5.00	236.19
Knowlton, Joseph	100.00	100.40	4.85	4.00	101.25
Lovering, Joseph P.	100.00	107.86	5.43	4.00	109.29
Mason, Arthur	100.00	111.47	5.63	3.50	113.60
McNeill, Hattie	100.00	108.41	5.48	3.50	110.39
Patch, Emeline	100.00	108.19	5.45	3.50	110.14
Patch, Laura	100.00	107.61	5.43	4.50	108.54
Peterson, Charles A.	100.00	105.48	5.33	4.00	106.81
Preston, Thomas A.	100.00	101.21	5.11	4.50	101.82
Proctor, Thomas	300.00	323.90	32.16	....	356.06
Roberts, Daniel	100.00	106.91	4.84	4.00	107.75
Safford, Daniel E.	100.00	102.87	4.66	4.00	103.53
Stone, Daniel D.	100.00	102.37	4.95	4.00	103.32
Thayer, Samuel E.	100.00	101.45	4.89	3.50	102.84
Townsend, William E.	100.00	106.30	4.82	8.50	102.62
Tuttle, John	100.00	104.51	5.28	4.00	105.79
Whipple, Albert M.	100.00	102.39	5.15	4.00	103.54
Whipple, Hannah M.	100.00	105.48	4.77	4.00	106.25
Whipple, Emerson A.	100.00	101.98	4.92	4.00	102.90
Whipple, L. D.	100.00	106.53	4.82	3.00	108.35
Whittredge, John	100.00	100.00	2.80	2.80	100.00
Wilson, James	100.00	101.35	4.89	3.50	102.74
Woodbury, John L.	100.00	100.00	2.80	2.80	100.00
Woodbury, John T.	100.00	100.00	2.80	2.80	100.00
Added in 1927					
Trussell, Frank P.	150.00	....	150.00	....	150.00
Porter, Benjamin	100.00	....	100.00	....	100.00
Knowlton, John H.	100.00	....	100.00	....	100.00
	$8,558.00	$9,055.59	$798.95	$293.40	$9,561.14

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

Savings Bank Deposits at beginning of year	$9,055 59
Savings Bank Deposits at end of year	9,561 14

Receipts		Payments	
Deposits for care	$350 00	Care of Lots	$293 40
Interest	448 95	Deposited in Savings Banks	505 55
	$798 95		$798.95

INVESTMENT FUNDS

SPECIAL CEMETERY FUND

	Principal	Interest	Total
Savings Bank Deposit at beginning of year	$1,125 00	$71 53	$1,196 53
Deposited in Savings Bank in 1927	110 00	114 21	224 21
Savings Bank Deposit at end of year	$1,235 00	$185 74	$1,420 74

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 1927

H. AUGUSTA DODGE FUND

	Cash	Savings Bank	Total
On hand at beginning of year	$194 79	$1,000 00	$1,194 79
On hand at end of year	236 84	1,000 00	1,236 84

Receipts		Payments	
Cash on hand at beginning of year (in general cash)	$194 79	Paid for periodicals	$8 58
Income in 1927	50 63	Cash on hand at end of year (in general cash)	236 84
	$245 42		$245 42

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN FUND

	Cash	Savings Bank	Total
On hand at beginning of year	$58 69	$500 00	$558 69
On hand at end of year	82 98	500 00	582 98

Receipts		Payments	
Cash on hand at beginning of year (in general cash)	$58 69	Cash on hand at end of year (in general cash)	$82 98
Income in 1927	24 29		
	$82 98		$82 98

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,
Town Accountant.

TREASURER'S CASH

Cash on hand January 1, 1927	$21,206 36	
Receipts in 1927	270,893 68	
		$292,100 04
Payments in 1927	$274,485 68	
Cash on hand December 31, 1927	17,614 36	
		292,100 04
Cash on hand December 31, 1927	17,614 36	
		$17,614 36
Merchants Nat. Bank (deposit)	$17,577 88	
Cash in office	36 48	
		17,614 36
Merchants Nat. Bank (check book)	$17,577 88	
Checks outstanding Dec. 31, 1927	24,359 01	
		$41,936 89
Merchants National Bank		
Balance December 31, 1927	$41,936 89	
		$41,936 89

Yours respectfully,

ANNIE E. WOODBURY,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS RECORDED

1926	
July 25	William Henry son of Edward W. and Mary A. (Maloney) Wallace.
1927	
Jan. 4	Gloria Irene, daughter of Ernest and Marion (Perley) Colwell.
Jan. 10	Robert, son of John H. and Mary M. (Boland) Perkins.
Jan. 13	Ida Barker, daughter of Frank E. and Adelaide (Courtis) Manthorn.
Jan. 26	Revere Wade, Jr., son of Revere W. and Doris (Stone) Brooks.
Feb. 8	Edward Warren, son of Clarence and Roma (Rogers) Fuller.
Feb. 23	Barbara, daughter of Stanley E. and Gertrude M. (Hitchings) Allen.
Mar. 4	Richard Leslie, son of Harold M. and Myrtis A. (Ruce) Johnson.
Mar. 7	Grace Eva, daughter of Frank R. and Eva (Ingraham) Feener.
Mar. 13	Donald Wilson, son of Robert H. Jr. and Mabel (Batchelder) Chittick.
Mar. 18	Leroy Charles, son of Henry E. and Mildred (Kneeland) Tobyne.
April 21	Ray Albert, son of Frank E. and Alice (Morse) Whitcomb.
May 10	Robert Edward, son of Michael and Nellie (Riley) McDonald.
May 24	Barbara Frances, daughter of John and Frances (Smith) Foster.

May 30	Joseph, Jr., son of Joseph and Mary J. (Sallaway) Bousley.
June 3	Jane, daughter of Herbert A. and Mildred A. (Thompson) Upton.
June 12	Doris Evelyn, daughter of Arthur and Blanch (Callahan) Melvin.
July 8	Catherine, daughter of Eddie and Mamie (Mercer) Carter.
July 12	Gloria Grant, daughter of Philip K. and Rachel H. (Grant) Brown.
July 28	John Brayton, son of Waldo L. and Agnes (Foss) Lucas.
Aug. 7	Thomas Francis, son of Laurence G. and Elizabeth (Horan) Bush.
Sept. 22	Leonard Francis, son of Dana and Helen (Cross) Lane.
Oct. 1	Margaret Ann, daughter of Peter J. and Dorothy M. (Morse) Thimmer.
Oct. 25	Richard Emery, son of Walter and Viola (Kempton) Blanchard.
Nov. 25	Robert Clarkson, son of Arthur and Mary (Lightbody) Upton.
Nov. 27	Allan Argyle, son of Leverett W. and Helen F. (Brumby) Campbell.
Nov. 28	Marion Louise, daughter of Amos and Helen E. (Dodge) Fuller.

MARRIAGES RECORDED

John D. McLean of Hamilton,
Ellen Josephine Lonergan of Hamilton.

Arthur W. Fraser of Wenham,
Mildred R. Clarke of Wenham.

Martin Dunlap of Salem,
Elizabeth Casey of Wenham.

Stanley B. Macomber of Hamilton,
Helen K. Gorman of Danvers.

Everett C. Welch of Lynn,
Dorothy W. Smerage of Hamilton.

Arthur A. Upton of Lynn,
Mary F. Lightbody of Hamilton.

David Earl Gosper of Essex,
Hattie Bell Stanley of Essex.

Daniel McNeil of Hamilton,
Martha Katherine Flanagan of Hamilton.

Rudolph H. Haraden of Hamilton,
Martha N. Anderson of Hamilton.

Lester W. Standley of Wenham,
Grace E. Harraden of Hamilton.

Emerson P. Dodge of Hamilton,
Hattie G. Blair of Amherst, Mass.

William G. McKay of Hamilton,
Ida M. Caverly of Beverly.

Leslie I. Hatt of Hamilton,
Kathleen P. Garron of Hamilton.

John A. Sanborn of Boston,
Eleanor G. Hunt of Arlington.

Trask N. Ready of Lynn,
Ida E. McGovern of Lynn.

James A. Fitzgerald of Boston,
Margaret Kelly of Hamilton.

Caroll L. Lander of Hamilton,
Eva L. Spalding of Salem.

Aubrey W. Burgess of Hamilton,
Rebecca M. Jeddrey of Hamilton.

Harold E. Corwin of Hopkinton, Mass.
Alice E. Day of Hamilton.

Lawrence F. Burnham of Wenham,
Frances M. Cogswell of Essex.

Kenneth E. Lombard of Hamilton,
Edith M. Tucker of Marblehead.

Albert H. Tremblay of Hamilton,
Marion R. Willett of Rowley.

John Henry Howard of Guilford, Vt.,
Sarah DeLuca of Hamilton.

Raymond A. Whipple of Hamilton,
Ruth B. Perley of Hamilton.

Arthur Albert LeMay of Beverly,
Ruth Marshall of Beverly.

William M. Perkins of Salem,
Alice E. Hatt of Hamilton.

Gilbert L. Steward of Hamilton,
Anne Beekman Ayer of Hamilton.

William A. Brumby of Hamilton,
Ellen G. Moynihan of Hamilton.

Raymond N. Lanctot of Hamilton,
Irene Jodoin of Hamilton.

DEATHS RECORDED

1927		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 2	Irene M. Knowlton	89	4	10
Jan. 21	Lewis Delude	73	..	..
Feb. 24	Archie Como	49	..	..
Mar. 26	Margaret Michaud	35	0	14
Apr. 10	Mary P. Simpson	71	5	26
Apr. 27	Edward H. Haraden	39	8	16
Apr. 29	Fred C. Morton	69	3	18
May 5	Mary E. Gamboa	59	6	0
May 8	Fannie B. Trussell	59	1	0
June 20	Sarah A. Knowlton	78	2	28
July 7	Joseph M. Gamboa	61	11	0
Aug. 2	Einer R. Johnson	23	9	16
Oct. 3	Jeannie Kettendorf	66	2	6
Oct. 11	Michael Collins	65	..	..
Oct. 13	Charles Henry Dixon	76	..	..

Oct. 14	Johanna Petersen	52	5	23
Oct. 25	Charles Rogers	76	11	21
Oct. 28	Kathleen Keough	11	..	..
Nov. 1	Leonard F. Lane	0	1	10
Nov. 21	William E. Townsend	69	7	20
Dec. 16	J. Horace Pope	71	3	16

Died		Brought into Town		
1927				
Apr. 27	Lucy B. Stevens	71	11	20
July 15	Abbie F. Lovering	72	2	9
Oct. 7	Norman J. Conrad, Jr.	10	1	22
Nov. 12	Robert McGregor	7	8	6
1928				
Jan. 9	James E. Gwinn	66	7	13

REGISTRATION

The Registrars of Voters met as follows in year 1927: Once at Engine House, South Hamilton, and once at Town Hall.

At these meetings the registration was as follows:

Men	58
Women	38
Total	96

The total number of voters at the close of registration was as follows:

Men	508
Women	408
Total	916

DOG LICENSES

Male	116	@	$2.00	$232 00
Female	55	@	5.00	275 00
Breeder's	2	@	50.00	100 00
Breeder's	1	@	25.00	25 00
Total Receipts				$632 00
Less Fees				34 80
Paid Essex County				$597 20

SPORTING AND TRAPPING LICENSES

Sporting Licenses (Resident)	106	@	$2.25	$238 50
Trapping Licenses (Resident)	4	@	2.25	9 00
Sporting Licenses (Non-Resident)	2	@	5.25	10 50
Trapping Licenses (Non-Resident)	1	@	5.25	5 25
Minors' Trapping Licenses	7	@	.75	5 25
Duplicate Licenses	2	@	.50	1 00
Total Receipts				$269 50
Less Fees				30 00
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts				$239 50

OTHER LICENSES

Junk Licenses	$50 00
Common Victualler's Licenses	38 00
Auto (second-hand dealer)	12 00
Denatured Alcohol	5 00
Pool and Bowling	4 00
Public Amusement	2 00
Oleo.	1 00
Paid Town Treasurer	$112 00

TOWN MEETINGS

Town Meetings in 1927 were as follows:

Annual Town Meeting, March 8, 1927.

Appropriations at above meeting as follows:

From Revenue	$135,645 00
From Surplus	5,000 00
From Overlay Reserve	3,792 90
Total	$144,437 90

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,
Town Clerk.

LIST OF JURORS

1928

Frank Dane, Union Street, Foreman.
Charles A. Smerage, Rust Street, Railroad Conductor.
John E. Cox, Main Street, Foreman.
Fred A. Saunders, Railroad Avenue, Clerk.
Oscar A. Wood, Bridge Street, Carpenter.
Daniel P. McGinley, Park Street, Machinist.
Otho L. Charles, Plum Street, Chauffeur.
Finlay D. MacDonald, Union Street, Carpenter.
Frank L. Bailey, Highland Street, Electrician.
Samuel G. Goodhue, Asbury Street, Real Estate.
Foster E. Tappan, Goodhue Street, Farmer.
Earl E. Johnson, Main Street, News Agent.
George M. Adams, Highland Street, Farmer.
Edward A. Underhill, Main Street, Forester.
John J. Crosby, Railroad Avenue, Retired.
George H. Sprague, off Bridge Street, Farmer.
Jerry F. Hawkins, School Street, Foreman.
Raymond C. Gould, Home Street, Grocer.
Francis C. Moynihan, Main Street, Contractor.
Oliver Wolcott, Main Street, Lawyer.
Jonathan Lamson, Highland Street, Farmer.

Hamilton, Mass., February 6, 1928.

DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Board of Selectmen of Hamilton:

Gentlemen—In compliance with General Laws, Chapter 98, Sec. 34, I herewith submit the annual report of this department for the year 1927.

	Adjusted	Sealed	Non-Sealed	Condemned
Scales:				
Platform over 5,000 lbs.	..	5	..	..
Platform under 5,000 lbs.	1	17	..	..
Counter over 100 lbs.	..	1	..	..
Counter over 100 lbs.	1	14	..	..
Spring over 100 lbs.	..	2	..	..
Spring under 100 lbs.	..	19	..	..
Computing under 100 lbs.	..	10	..	..
Personal weighing	..	1	..	..
Prescription	..	1	..	..
Weights:				
Avoirdupois	1	141	..	..
Apothecary	..	42	..	..
Metric	..	42	..	..
Capacity Measures:				
Liquid	..	98	..	..
Fuel Baskets	..	7	..	2
Automatic Measuring Devices:				
Gasoline Pumps	1	13	1	..
Kerosene Pumps	..	7	..	1
Oil Pumps	..	2	27	..
Quantity Stops on Pumps	..	99	..	..
Linear Measures:				
Yard Sticks	..	4	..	..
Molasses Pumps	..	..	2	..

INSPECTIONS REQUIRED BY LAW

	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	54	15	11	29
Butter	9	9	..	..
Dry Commodities	7	7	..	..
Flour	3	3	..	..
Fruit and Vegetables	5	2	2	1
Ice	4	..	..	4
Pedlers' Licenses	15	..	..	..
Bread Labels	54	15	..	..
Wholesale Milk Cans	11	11	..	..
Ice Scales	2	2	..	..
Junk Scales	1	1	..	..

A permanent record is kept at the Town Hall, showing each test and inspection. About 200 hours were devoted to the work of the department, and more than 275 miles covered in the performance of the duties attached thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

MERRILL S. LOVERING,
Sealer.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSION

Hamilton, Mass., January 29,1928.

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

"Chebacco Park," located on the shores of Chebacco Lake, just off the road that winds through the woods to Manchester, offers an ideal spot for campers and picnic parties. We hope that the townspeople will make more use of this beautiful spot.

We have continued the fence on the Dorothy Winthrop Memorial Lot along the side facing Union Street. There is an article in the warrant asking for a special appropriation to cover the expense of extending the fence along the rear of the lot, bordering the land owned by Mr. T. A. Moynihan.

Some of the small trees and undergrowth, together with the rubbish that had been dumped there, have been cleaned up and burned. These improvements have increased the general appearance of the land, and Mr. Winthrop has expressed his willingness to spend a sum of money to make this lot into a Park or Playground, provided the Town feels that there is a demand for the same, and is willing to appropriate a sum of money towards it.

The evergreen trees, which were planted around the Memorial Bowlder have been replaced by arbor-vitaes. This was done at the suggestion of the late Mr. Nathan Matthews and Col. J. C. R. Peabody. The change has improved the background of the Bowlder, and the danger of dwarfing the shrubbery has been overcome.

The planting of shrubs and trees on Central Park was carried out by Mr. Nathan Matthews. This has made a great improvement and gives this spot more of a park appearance. We are very much indebted to Mr. Matthews for the great interest that he always took in work of this kind. Through his generosity we are able to turn back to the Town the $300 which was appropriated to carry out this work.

Respectfully submitted,

George G. Harraden, *Chairman.*
Lawrence R. Stone, *Secretary.*
Charles F. Poole.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hamilton, Mass., February, 1928.

To the Board of Selectmen of Hamilton:

Gentlemen—I wish to submit my annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1927.

Whole number of arrests during the year, 29, divided as follows:

Male	29
Adults	20
Minors	9
Native born	25
Foreign born	4
Residents	4
Non-residents	25

OFFENSES

Larceny	4
Driving so as to endanger lives of the public	1
Taking truck without consent of owner	2
Unregistered car, improper number plates, no insurance	2
Driving without a license	2
Gaming on the Lord's Day	6
Driving under influence of liquor	2
Disturbing the peace	6
Non-support	2
Drunk	2

Disposition

Fined and paid	14
Larceny, made restitution satisfactory to court	1
Three months in House of Correction (appealed)	1
Case filed	1
Drunk and released	2
Appealed cases	7
Sick and released	1
Found guilty, pays $4 per week for support of child	1
Found guilty, pays $10 per week for support of wife & child	1

Arrests Made by Officers

Arthur Southwick	17
Fred F. Stillings	7
Edward Frederick	3
Benjamin Dodge	2

Officers' Attendance at Court

Arthur Southwick	36
Fred F. Stillings	10
Edward Frederick	3
Benjamin Dodge	2
Alvin Perley	2

Complaints Investigated

Arthur Southwick	116
Alvin Perley	43
Fred F. Stillings	28
Fred Saunders	16
Edward Frederick	5
Benjamin Dodge	3

Superior Court

Cases on docket	2

Automobile licenses and registrations revoked or suspended during the year 1927 in Hamilton by Frank A. Goodwin, Registrar of Motor Vehicles:

Licenses revoked	6
Licenses suspended	2
Registrations revoked	5

Number of motor vehicle accidents in Hamilton where persons were injured, during the year 1927, reported to police, 21

Number of motor vehicle accidents in Hamilton during the year 1927, property damage only, reported to police, 54

Number of revolver licenses issued by police to carry a pistol or revolver in the State of Massachusetts, during the year 1927, 26

Number of notices of intended sale or transfer of motor vehicles issued by the Hamilton police during the year 1927, on forms supplied by Frank A. Goodwin, 91

Hours of Duty Performed by Officers

Arthur Southwick	1,291
Alvin L. Perley	355½
Fred F. Stillings	353
Fred A. Saunders	188½
Edward H. Frederick	102
George H. Harraden	104
Winthrop F. Dodge	53
Benjamin B. Dodge	21

Expense of Asbury Grove Fire

Special officers (out-of-town)	$122 55
Trucking furniture	50 00
Lunches for Officers at Grove fire	25 90

TOWN OFFICERS

Arthur Southwick	40 hours	$24 00	
Winthrop Dodge	19 hours	11 40	
Fred F. Stillings	25 hours	15 00	
Fred A. Saunders	18 hours	10 80	
George H. Harraden	20½ hrs.	12 30	
Edward H. Frederick	19 hours	11 40	
Total			$84 90

SPECIAL TOWN OFFICERS

Roland Fletcher	9 hours	$5 40	
Henry Tobyne	6 hours	3 60	
Edward McGregor	6 hours	3 60	
Robert Wilkinson	18 hours	10 80	
George W. Dodge	4 hours	2 40	
Frank Dever	10 hours	6 00	
Total			31 80
Total expense of Asbury Grove Fire			$315 15

Miscellaneous

Automobiles reported stolen	15
Automobile stolen in town	4
Automobiles recovered	15
Automobile tires stolen	5
Automobile tire recovered	1
Other property reported lost or stolen, value about	$1,000
Other property found and recovered, value about	$400
Complaints received	211
Complaints investigated	211
Fires extinguished	4
Disturbances	34
Dogs reported lost or stolen	20
Dogs found and returned	8
Dogs killed	15
Lights reported out	48
Summons served for out-of-town officers	18
Dangerous wires reported or removed	6
Accidents reported	56
Persons received assistance	10
Police assistance to out-of-town officers	20
Police assistance by out-of-town officers	24
Court attendance for 1927	53
Report to Prison Commission	1
Report to Highway Commission	8
Letters, postal cards, and notices sent out, about	120
Letters, postal cards, and notices received, about	250
Person killed by steam train	1

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR SOUTHWICK,
Chief of Police.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX. ss. *To either of the Constables of the Town of Hamilton,* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the thirteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight (March 13, 1928), at fifteen minutes before six in the forenoon (5.45 o'clock A. M.), then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your ballots for:

Moderator for one year.
Town Clerk for one year.
Three Selectmen for one year.
Three Overseers of Public Welfare for one year.
One Assessor for three years.
Treasurer for one year.
Tax Collector for one year.
Tree Warden for one year.
Three Constables for one year.
One Library Trustee for three years.
One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.
One Park Commissioner for three years.
One Member of the School Committee for three years.
One Surveyor of Highways for one year.

All on one ballot.

The polls will open at fifteen minutes before six in the morning (5.45 A. M.) and will close at one o'clock in the afternoon (1 o'clock P. M.). After the close of the polls the remaining articles of the warrant shall be acted upon.

Article 2. To choose and appoint all other town officers in such manner as the Town shall determine.

Article 3. To hear the report of the town officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and other committees and take any action thereon.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate money for Schools, Highways, and all Town expenses, and determine the manner of expending the same.

Article 5. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of $1,380.91 from Excess and Deficiency to cover the overdraft of the Snow Removal Appropriation for the year 1927.

Article 6. To see what action the Town will take towards building a cistern for fire purposes, the exact location to be set by the Board of Selectmen and Engineers of Fire Department jointly, construction of said cistern to be contracted for and supervised by the Board of Selectmen, and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred ($1,500.00) dollars for same, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by Board of Fire Engineers.

Article 7. To see if the Town will accept Garfield Avenue, so called, as laid out by the Selectmen, and as per plan on file in the Town Clerk's office, and appropriate a sum of money to construct same, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by Wendell W. Dodge and others.

Article 8. To see if the Town will accept Lincoln Avenue, so called, from Asbury Street to Arthur Avenue, so called, as laid out by the Selectmen and as per plan on file in the Town Clerk's office, and to see if Town will name said street Roosevelt Avenue and appropriate a sum of money to construct same, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by Samuel G. Goodhue and others.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to continue the building of permanent highway on Essex Street to Wenham line and appropriate the sum of five thousand ($5,000.00) dollars for same.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to construct a system of drainage on Elliott, Pleasant and Willow Streets and appropriate the sum of three thousand ($3,000.00) dollars to construct the same, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will properly grade and repair Cottage Street and appropriate the necessary sum of money for same, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by William Tullock and others.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to build a sidewalk on the northeasterly side of Linden Street, from the corner of Willow Street to the Wenham line, and a sidewalk on the southerly side of Willow Street from the corner of Linden Street for a distance of one hundred feet, and appropriate a sum of money for the same, as petitioned for by Earl E. Johnson and others.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to lay a drain pipe from the catch basin in front of the estate of Margaret Dodge et al on Bridge Street to the brook in the rear of the

estate, and appropriate a sum of money for the same, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by Robert B. Walsh and others.

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($13,500.00) to reconstruct Railroad Avenue from Depot Square to Union Street, the same to be let by public bid and to be completed by July 1, 1928, or take any action thereon as petitioned for by Timothy A. Moynihan and others.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to resurface and oil Rust Street Extension, beginning at Union Street and running to the end towards the swamp, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by John J. Cullity and others.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to re-grade and re-surface Lincoln Avenue as originally laid out (the street never having been completed because of insufficient appropriation), and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by Lester F. Stanley and others.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a suitable sum of money to resurface and repair the Farms Road from Main Street to the Boston & Maine R. R. bridge, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by Charles R. Smith and others.

Article 18. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars for the purpose of oiling or tarring that section of Asbury Street, also known as Topsfield Road, from a point beginning at the junction of Asbury and Highland Streets in front of Peatfield's store and

for a distance that will reach to the brook which crosses under the highway and over the property of the Dodges, on the Easterly side, and the Asbury Grove Camp Meeting Association on the Westerly side, and that the work begin as soon as the road-bed is clear from snow and free from frost, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by Mary Florence Adams and others.

Article 19. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Four Hundred ($400.00) Dollars to repair the culvert on Highland Street, near the property of Grace T. Davidson, or take any action thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town Way known as Gail Avenue, leading off Highland Street, and authorize the Selectmen to release any interest the Town may have in said Way.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to place a street light at a point on Asbury Street in the vicinity of the entrance to Asbury Grove, via Skinner Avenue, as petitioned for by Winthrop F. Dodge and others.

Article 22. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty ($250.00) Dollars for the use of the Augustus Peabody Gardner Post, No. 194, American Legion, or take any action thereon as petitioned for by Oliver Wolcott, Post Commander.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred ($2,500.00) Dollars to repair the asbestos slate roof on the South School, as petitioned for by the School Committee.

Article 24. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars to erect a wire fence on the East boundary of the South School Lot, similar to the one on the West side, as petitioned for by the School Committee.

Article 25. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars to purchase and erect a suitable memorial designating "The Adelaide D. Walsh School," as petitioned for by the School Committee.

Article 26. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty ($250.00) Dollars to continue the fence on the rear of The Dorothy Winthrop Memorial Lot, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by the Park Commissioners.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to sell the North School building and lot on Main Street, the Center School building and lot on Main Street, and the West School building and lot on Highland Street, or take any action thereon.

Article 28. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1, 1929, in anticipation of the revenue of said municipal year, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the Town, giving the note or notes of the Town therefor, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from revenue of said municipal year.

Article 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, of the General Laws.

Article 30. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at each of the three post offices in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th day of Febrauary, A. D. 1928.

JONATHAN LAMSON,
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,
BAYARD TUCKERMAN, JR.
Selectmen of Hamilton.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF MOVING THE CENTER SCHOOL HOUSE TO THE LOT IN THE REAR OF THE TOWN HALL

Hamilton, February 13, 1928.

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

Our Committee have considered the advisability of moving the Center School Building from its present location to the Town Hall property, and have decided it is not advisable to move this building.

Yours respectfully,

JONATHAN LAMSON, *Chairman.*
FRANK P. TRUSSELL,
FRANCIS C. MOYNIHAN,
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,
BAYARD TUCKERMAN, JR.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hamilton, Mass., Jan. 3, 1928.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: The Board of Engineers of the Fire Department herewith submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1927.

Two cisterns have been constructed during the past year, one at Asbury Grove, the other at Hamilton Center. We recommend the building of one more this year, on Asbury Street, near the residence of Mr. Goodhue, the location to be set by the Selectmen and Engineers of the Fire Department. We also recommend the placing of markers at cisterns now in use, and that all future specifications for cisterns include appropriation for this item.

We recommend the purchase of 250 feet of hose, same type as now in use, to replace old cotton-jacket hose which has been condemned and discarded. We recommend the painting of the Engine House, and have included appropriations for these two items in the regular budget.

We have asked for Three thousand seventy-five ($3,075.00) dollars as our budget for the year 1928. Analyzed, it is as follows: Regular budget, $2,300.00; emergency work, $150.00; new hose, $325.00; painting building and room, $300.00. The

Engineers have only the previous year's record from which to estimate their probable expenditures; these figures can never be actual, because of the unforeseen number of alarms and the necessary emergency repairs, which for the year 1927 necessitated an overdraft of six hundred thirty dollars, twenty-six cents.

There is only one way in which department costs may be lowered, that is by an ever careful attitude of the public in its relation to fire hazards; clean up the rubbish, watch the conditions that make fire possible, and you will help keep down the fire loss and cost.

Inventory of property in our care has been made, and the approximate value is as follows:

Motor Apparatus:	
Seagrave Triple Combination	$6,000 00
Peerless Combination	800 00
Ford Chemical	500 00
Equipment on apparatus	749 50
Equipment in house	583 85
2,000 feet Fabric Hose	2,500 00
300 feet Cotton Hose	150 00
Building	6,000 00
Alarm System	1,500 00
Furnishings in house	211 00
Fire Cisterns (five)	7,250 00
Total	$26,244 35

We desire at this time to extend our thanks to the citizens and all departments of the Town who have assisted the department during the past year.

The department has responded to five still and twenty-five alarms during 1927, appended report of which follows:

Date	*Dist.*	*Location*	*Owner*	*Descripton*
Jan. 23	31	Asbury St.	W. F. Dodge, chimney	
26	31	Asbury St.	B. A. Dodge, chimney	
Feb. 10	31	Asbury St.	A. E. Peatfield, electric appliance	
13	15	Beck's Pond	R. A. Whipple, gunning booth	
Mar. 26	Still	Wenham	Alexander Begg	
	Still	Idlewood	Mrs. F. A. Frost, grass	
27	14	Sagamore St.	Mrs. L. P. Bailey, old house	
	Still	Asbury St.	W. F. Dodge, grass	
	14	Sagamore St.	Mrs. L. P. Bailey	
			Remains of house burned May 15, 1926	
Apr. 7	Still	Pines		Tree
	21	Asbury St.	A. C. Burrage, Jr., grass	
	31	Highland St.	T. A. Moynihan, brush	
	34	Farms Road	F. R. Appleton, brush	
9	12	Bridge St.	W. Knowlton, chimney	
	23	Main St.	A. R. Merrill, grass	
11	23	Main St.	Myopia Club, grass and brush	
12	31	Highland St.	Clarence Day, grass	
	24	Gardner St.	C. C. Williams, grass	
13	24	Moulton St.	L. E. Libby, grass	
18	31	Asbury St.	G. R. Dodge, grass	
19	25	Farms Road	Allen Holmes, woods	
May 6	34	Highland St.	Frederick Winthrop, grass	
8	31	Asbury Grove	Asbury Grove Association	
			109 cottages destroyed, 7 others damaged	
22	31	Off Highland St.	A. W. Day, brush	
June 7	3-3	Ipswich		

Aug.	13	31	Asbury Grove	Newhall Cottage, oil stove
	19	16	Essex St.	H. E. Burnham, automobile
Oct.	5	Still	South School	Town of Hamilton, smoke, no fire
Nov.	13	12	Essex St.	Grass
Dec.	7	23	Off Main St.	J. B. Moulton, greenhouse

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER H. KNOWLES,
HARRY R. McGREGOR,
LESTER M. WHIPPLE,
FRANK DANE,
RODNEY H. ADAMS.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

We have had many complaints in regard to water. The old wells fill with sand and the pumps are always out of order, which means a constant expense.

We now recommend a new water system. There is one excellent well situated in the new part of the cemetery on Laurel Avenue. The system desired consists of a one hundred gallon steel tank, a two hundred and fifty gallons per hour automatic electric pump, about one hundred and fifty feet of galvanized iron pipe one inch, about two hundred and fifty feet of three-fourths inch pipe, and a small building to house the same. Several poles will have to be set to connect with the Beverly Gas and Electric Company.

For this work complete, we recommend the sum of Six hundred ($600) dollars, and for the ordinary upkeep of cemetery the sum of Nine hundred ($900) dollars, making a total of Fifteen hundred ($1500) dollars.

Work done this year was the usual care of lots and avenues, a general cleaning up of the ground of the new part and grubbing out of wild bushes and trees.

The amount in the Special Cemetery Fund is $1,420.70 and the Endowed Lots Fund, $9,561.14. There are 68 endowed lots.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
FRANCIS C. NORTON,
GEORGE G. HARADEN,

Cemetery Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

Value of buildings	$3,314,900 00	
Value of land	1,513,384 00	
Value of real estate		$4,828,284 00
Value of personal estate		802,215 00
Total valuation		$5,630,499 00
Tax on real estate	$114,913 33	
Tax on personal estate	19,092 76	
Tax on polls	1,284 00	
Total tax levy		$135,290 09
Moth assessment		1,327 43
Total commitment		$136,617 52
Rate per thousand	$23.80	
Number of horses	205	
" " cows	107	
" " neat cattle	5	
" " swine	8	
" " fowl	1905	
" " dwellings	880	
" " acres of land	887½	
" " residents assessed on property	818	
" " residents, all other	87	
" " non-residents on property	431	
" " non-residents, all other	77	
" " polls only	25	
Total number assessed	1,438	

EXPENDITURES

Town appropriations	$136,645 00	
State Tax	8,040 00	
State Audit Tax	294 44	
State Highway Tax	1,639 00	
County Tax	7,959 32	
Overlay	1,705 70	
Tuberculosis Hospital Maintenance	1,027 05	
Total expenditures		$156,310 51

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	$14,336 42	
Corporation Tax	2,200 00	
Bank Tax	595 00	
Licenses	100 00	
Fines	150 00	
Special Assessments	1,300 00	
General Government	25 00	
Protection of Persons and Property	80 00	
Health and Sanitation	80 00	
Charities	800 00	
Soldiers' Benefits	264 00	
Schools	15 00	
Libraries	25 00	
Interest on Deposits	200 00	
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	800 00	
All Other	50 00	
Total Estimated Receipts		$21,020 42

SUMMARY

Total amount to be raised		$156,310 51
Estimated receipts	$21,020 42	
642 Polls	1,248 00	
		22,268 42
Tax on Property		$134,042 09
642 Polls		1,248 00
Total Taxes		$135,290 09
Special Moth Assessment		1,327 43
Total Commitment		$136,617 52

ABATEMENTS ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN 1927

Levy of 1927	$327 12
Levy of 1926	77 20
Levy of 1925	77 35

PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

Agreeable to Section 5, Clause 12, of the Revised Laws:

Church Property	$38,600 00

Agreeable to Section 5, Clause 3, of the Revised Laws:

	Personal	*Real*	*Total*
Hamilton Housing, Incorporated	$2,100 00	$59,500 00	$61,600 00
Town Property:			
Town Hall	5,000 00	68,000 00	73,000 00
Schools	7,000 00	100,000 00	107,000 00
Weights & Measures	1,000 00		1,000 00

Fire Department	8,000 00	7,600 00	15,600 00
Highway	6,000 00		6,000 00
Libraries	3,000 00		3,000 00
Moth Department	1,200 00		1,200 00
Parks		3,000 00	
Cemetery		7,200 00	

ASSESSMENTS MADE IN 1926 AND 1927

	Personal	*Real*	*Total*
1927	$802,215 00	$4,828,284 00	$5,630,499 00
1926	701,441 00	4,668,710 00	5,370,151 00
Net Gain	$100,774 00	$159,574 00	$260,348 00

Increases in number of Polls—17.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
GEORGE E. SAFFORD,
JESSE S. MANN,

Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

Your Library Trustees report that the conduct of the Public Library during the past year has been carried on most satisfactorily. The circulation at both the main library and the branch has been gratifying, approximating twenty thousand, all of which, with the exception of less than a thousand, were fiction.

The reading courses devoted to children have proved very encouraging, and over a hundred children have received certificates.

The Community Room has been the scene of some very enjoyable socials and whist parties and has also been used for various club meetings during the year.

A statistical statement of circulation, gifts and receipts from fines will be found in the report of the librarian.

Last year we recommended a ten per cent reduction in the appropriation of the preceding year, and this year we are following the same policy and have requested an appropriation of Nineteen Hundred Dollars. Some surplus has accumulated from the various library funds and we feel that, if necessary, we may draw upon the same during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. WALSH,
Chairman.
ARTHUR W. CHANDLER.
EDWARD A. UNDERHILL,
Secretary.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

Gentlemen: My report of the Library for the twelve months ending December 31, 1927, is herewith presented.

The general activities of the Library have gone on much as usual.

The reading courses for children have proved very popular. The librarian was invited to an assembly, held at the Community House, when over 100 children were presented with certificates. A member of the faculty at the Beverly Public Library was present and gave readings from some of the books on our reading lists. This pleased the children greatly, and served to awaken more and new interest in the reading of books.

In this way of bringing the children into touch with good books, we are educating the future citizens of the town to appreciate the resources and advantages of their Public Library. That they are being taught the worth of books of a permanent value is shown by the fact that 146 pupils have read over 2,200 books during the past year, all books being on our reading lists. We need more room for our children's books and ate least 200 more books, both fiction and non-fiction, for the use of our pupils during the coming year.

There is still a great demand for the ever-popular novel, and most of the books added during the past year were books of this kind. We are greatly in need of more reference books. At this present time some of our pupils are using the Beverly Library for works of this kind. While we have on our shelves some books of reference, we are greatly in need of later and up-to-date editions.

It is important that a library be kept well balanced, so that it is possible to supply technical and scientific information as modern and reliable as volumes of literature and history or the best selling books of the current month.

Not only is it necessary to supply books to circulate, but all libraries must have on their shelves volumes to be used as tools in securing the information needed to answer the questions which must be met during the year.

We wish to thank all who remembered us during the past year with gifts of books and magazines.

Many new names have been added to our list of library users. Our circulation is 102 less than last year, an increase at the main library and a decrease at the branch library.

The Library is open Wednesday and Saturday, 3 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m. The Branch Library is open Tuesday and Friday, 3 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m.

The Community Room has been used steadily this year for socials, whist parties and club meetings, with an attendance of 643.

STATISTICS

Circulation:	*Fiction*	*Non-Fiction*	*Total*
Main Library	3,587	240	3,787
Branch Library	14,942	340	15,282
Total			19,069

An increase of 323 at the Main Library; a decrease of 415 at the Branch Library.

Circulation 1926	19,171	
Circulation 1927	19,069	
Decrease	102	
Books sent to Branch Library		410
Books returned to Main Library		75
Books added 1927		453
Magazines loaned		928
Main Library		445
Branch Library		483
Money turned over to Treasurer		$46 29
Branch Library, Fines	$38 01	
Branch Library, Sale of junk	1 25	
Main Library, Fines	6 03	
Main Library Sale of junk	1 00	
Total number of books as of December 31, 1927		10,813

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA L. HARADEN,
Librarian.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS
AND TAXATION

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

OF

THE ACCOUNTS

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMILTON

FOR

The Year Ending DECEMBER 31, 1927

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of
Chapter 44, General Laws

February 15, 1928

REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

February 15, 1928.

To the Board of Selectmen,

Mr. Jonathan Lamson, *Chairman,*
Hamilton, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen: I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1927, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Accountant of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

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REPORT OF EXAMINER

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir: As directed by you, I have made an audit of the accounts of the town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1927, and submit the following report thereon:—

The books and accounts kept by the accountant were examined and checked in detail. The receipts reported by the several departments collecting money for the town were checked with the department records and with the treasurer's cash book. The recorded payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing payments and with approved bills and payrolls on file. The appropriation accounts were examined and checked with the town clerk's records of appropriations voted by the town.

The classification book was examined and compared with the ledger accounts. The ledger accounts were checked and footed, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1927.

The debt and interest payments were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled bonds, notes and coupons on file.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked, the recorded receipts being compared with the records of departmental payments to the treasurer and with the accountant's books, the expenditures being checked with the

selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds.

The cash book was footed and the cash balance was verified by a reconciliation of the bank accounts with the bank statement and a count of cash in the office.

The several trust funds in the custody of the treasurer were verified by an examination of the savings bank books and were found to be as recorded on the accountant's books.

The books and accounts of the collector of taxes were examined and checked. The reported payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash book. The commitments were footed and checked to the warrants, the abatements were verified with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accounts in the accountant's ledger. A further verification of these outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town.

Several notices were returned with the claim that the taxes have been paid, and an investigation of these claims proved the fact that in some instances the taxes were paid but not properly credited on the books by the collector. Other claims are in the process of investigation.

It is again urged that the collector enter promptly all collections on his cash book as received and that he make his payments to the treasurer to correspond with the footings of the cash book.

It was noted that the collector has been very dilatory in turning over his collections to the treasurer. In some instances a period of over two months has elapsed between dates of payment. In this connection attention is called to Section 2,

Chapter 60, General Laws, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 65, Acts of 1926, which reads, in part, as follows:

> ". . . In towns, not cities, he shall once in each week or oftener, pay over to the town treasurer all money received by him during the preceding week or lesser period on account of taxes and interest."

Failure to comply with the above statute may be penalized under Section 102, Chapter 60, of the General Laws, which reads as follows:

> "Violation by a collector of Section two or Section eight (Chapter 60) shall be punished by a fine of not less than three hundred dollars."

The records of licenses granted by the selectmen were examined and checked to the town clerk's records of licenses issued, the fees received being checked to the treasurer's cash book.

The records of sporting and dog licenses issued by the town clerk were examined, the payments to the Department of Conservation and the county treasurer, respectively, being verified with the receipts on file.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, tax collector, and town clerk were examined and found to be in proper form.

While engaged in making the audit, I received the usual co-operation from the several town officials and on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,
Chief Accountant.

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RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance, January 1, 1927	$21,206 36	
Receipts	270,893 68	
		$292,100 04
Payments	$274,485 68	
Balance December 31, 1927,	17,614 36	
		$292,100 04
Balance January 1, 1928,	$17,614 36	
Receipts January 1 to 23, 1928	25,771 87	
		$43,386 23
Payments January 1 to 23, 1928:		
Per selectmen's orders	$21,747 91	
Without orders:		
Interest on temporary loan,	585 55	
Balance January 23, 1928:		
Cash in office(verified) $22 50		
Merchants Nat. Bank,		
Salem, 21,030 27		
	21,052 77	
		$43,386 23

Merchants National Bank, Salem

Balance January 23, 1928, per statement		$21,426 77
Balance January 23, 1928,		
per check book,	$21,030 27	
Outstanding checks January 23,		
1928, per list	396 50	
		$21,426 77

Taxes—1923

Outstanding January 1, 1927,		$119 48
Payments to treasurer	$79 68	
Abatements	39 80	
		$119 48

Taxes—1924

Outstanding January 1, 1927,		$1,876 80
Payments to treasurer	$1,810 60	
Abatements	54 85	
Outstanding December 31, 1927, and January 23, 1928, per list	11 35	
		$1,876 80

Taxes—1925

Outstanding January 1, 1927		$7,978 68
Payments to treasurer	$7,813 40	
Abatements, per list	101 35	
Outstanding December 31, 1927, and January 23, 1928, per list	63 93	
		$7,978 68

Taxes—1926

Outstanding January 1, 1927,		$21,230 54
Payments to treasurer,	$13,013 26	
Abatements,	95 65	
Outstanding December 31, 1927,	8,121 63	
		$21,230 54

Outstanding January 1, 1928,		$8,121 63
Payments to treasurer, January 1 to 23, 1928	$1,290 84	
Outstanding Jan. 23, 1928, per list	6,830 79	
		$8,121 63

Taxes—1927

Commitment per warrant,	$135,290 09	
Additional commitment,	69 02	
Abatement after payment, refunded,	28 56	
Duplicate abatement,	5 57	
		$135,393 24
Payments to treasurer,	$112,355 76	
Abatements,	359 12	
Outstanding December 31, 1927,	22,678 36	
		$135,393 24
Outstanding January 1, 1928,		$22,678 36
Payments to treasurer, January 1 to 23, 1928,	$3,559 08	
Abatements Jan. 1 to 23, 1928	1 19	
Outstanding Jan. 23, 1928, per list	17,841 62	
Cash on hand Jan. 23, 1928 (verified)	1,276 47	
		$22,678 36

Moth Assessments—1923

Outstanding January 1, 1927,	$2 03
Payments to treasurer, 1927	$2 03

Moth Assessments—1924

Outstanding January 1, 1927,	$7 04
Payments to treasurer 1927,	$7 04

Moth Assessments—1925

Outstanding January 1, 1927		$82 44
Payments to treasurer 1927		$82 44

Moth Assessments—1926

Outstanding January 1, 1927,		$257 76
Payments to treasurer 1927,	$177 83	
Abatements 1927,	88	
Outstanding December 31, 1927	79 05	
		$257 76
Outstanding January 1, 1928		$79 05
Payments to treasurer Jan 1. to 23, 1928	$7 56	
Outstanding Jan. 23, 1928, per list	71 49	
		$79 05

Moth Assessments—1927

Commitment per warrant,		$1,327 43
Payments to treasurer 1927,	$615 27	
Abatements 1927	1 45	
Outstanding December 31, 1927,	710 71	
		$1,327 43
Outstanding January 1, 1928,		$710 71
Payments to treasurer, January 1 to 23, 1928,	$517 65	
Outstanding Jan. 23, 1928, per list	193 06	
		$701 71

Interest on Taxes

Cash on hand January 1, 1927,		$8 48	
Collections:			
Levy of 1923,	$10 63		
Levy of 1924,	192 58		
Levy of 1925	619 31		
Levy of 1926	525 09		
Levy of 1927	69 59		
		$1,417 20	
			$1,425 68
Payments to treasurer 1927,		$1,250 71	
Cash on hand December 31, 1927,		174 97	
			$1,425 68
Cash on hand January 1, 1928		$174 97	
Collections January 1 to 23, 1928:			
Levy of 1927,		27 36	
			$202 33
Payments to treasurer, January 1 to 23, 1928,		$200 87	
Cash on hand, Jan. 23, 1928, verified		1 46	
			$202 33

Dr. Justin Allen Library Fund

	Cash In General Treasury	*Savings Deposits*	*Total*
On hand at beginning of year, 1927,	$58 69	$500 00	$558 69
On hand at end of year 1927,	82 98	500 00	582 98

Receipts		*Payments*	
Income,	$24 29	Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1927,	$82 98
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1927,	58 69		
Total,	$82 98	Total,	$82 98

H. A. Dodge Library Fund

	Cash In General Treasury	*Savings Deposits*	*Total*
On hand at beginning of year 1927,	$194 79	$1,000 00	$1,194 79
On hand at end of year 1927,	236 84	1,000 00	1,236 84

Receipts		*Payments*	
Income,	$50 63	Library expense,	$8 58
Cash on hand, January 1, 1927,	194 79	Cash on hand, December 1, 1927,	236 84
Total,	$245 42	Total,	$245 42

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

	Total Deposits	*Total*
On hand at beginning of year 1927,	$9,055 59	$9,055 59
On hand at end of year 1927,	9,561 14	9,561 14

Receipts		*Payments*	
Income,	$448 95	Added to savings deposits,	$505 55
Bequests,	350 00	Care of lots,	293 40
Total,	$798 95	Total,	$798 95

Cemetery Special Fund

	Total Deposits	*Total*
On hand at beginning of year 1927,	$1,196 53	$1,196 53
On hand at end of year 1927,	1,420 74	1,420 74

Receipts		*Payments*	
Income,	$114 21	Added to savings	
Sale of lots,	110 00	deposits,	$224 21
Total,	$224 21	Total,	$224 21

TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1927

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:		
In Banks and Office,		$17,614 36
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1924,	$11 35	
Levy of 1925,	63 93	
Levy of 1926,	8,121 63	
Levy of 1927,	22,678 36	
		30,875 27
Special Assessments:		
Moth 1926,	$79 05	
Moth 1927,	710 71	
		789 76
Departmental:		
State Aid,	$264 00	
Board of Health,	190 72	
Charities,	800 47	
		1,255 19
Overdrawn Accounts:		
Snow,		1,380 91
		$51,915 49

Liabilities

Temporary Loans:		
In Anticipation of Revenue,		$20,000 00
Tailings,		61 16
Dr. Justin Allen Library Fund Income,		82 98
H. A. Dodge Library Fund Income,		236 84
Surplus War Bonus Fund,		965 37
Overlays (reserved for abatement of taxes):		
Levy of 1924,	$11 35	
Levy of 1925,	63 93	
Levy of 1926,	1,255 49	
Levy of 1927,	1,352 15	
		2,682 92
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		3,853 99
Special Assessment Revenue,		789 76
Departmental Revenue,		1,255 19
Surplus Revenue,		21,987 28
		$51,915 49

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Assets

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	$29,500 00
	$29,500 00

Liabilities

Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital Loan,	$16,000 00	
Permanent Highway Loan,	5,500 00	
East Schoolhouse Loan,	8,000 00	
		$29,500 00
		$29,500 00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash and Securities:		
Trust Funds,	$11,061 14	
Investment Fund,	1,420 74	
		$12,481 88
		$12,481 88

Liabilities

Dr. Justin Allen Library Fund,	$500 00	
H. A. Dodge Library Fund,	1,000 00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	9,561 14	
		$11,061 14
Cemetery Special Funds,		1,420 74
		$12,481 88

TOWN OF HAMILTON

REPORT

OF THE

Finance and Advisory Committee

ON THE

Appropriations and Articles

FOR THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 13, 1928

SALEM, MASS.:
NEWCOMB & GAUSS, PRINTERS
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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

When you consider that a dozen years ago our tax rate was $10 and compare it with recent taxes, you will appreciate why this committee desires to again stress the point that high taxes are detrimental to a town and we solicit your vote in the town meeting to support and endorse our recommendations.

Careful study has been made of facts and conditions and our recommendations are based on a policy of conservatism and economy which in no way impairs the efficiency of the departments.

A surprising number of articles appear in the warrant this year in connection with highway work. The open winter, changeable weather, etc., has been extraordinarily hard on roads which ordinarily only appear at their worst in the spring thaw.

This Committee has for three years consistently advocated a definite road policy and the town has supported and endorsed this policy, namely, to appropriate not over a certain sum for all highway work and that this work be divided into three parts:

(1) New permanent road construction.

(2) General maintenance.

(3) Special and urgent needs.

For these purposes some $35,000 has been appropriated, and this amount is all we feel the town should spend on highway work.

Furthermore, the allocation of these funds should be at the discretion of the surveyor and the selectmen for the best interests of the town as a whole and where most needed.

We therefore recommend that the total highway work appropriation be as follows and to include all or any work on Articles 8 to 19 inclusive:

Highway Department:		
Maintenance	$15,000 00	
Salary of Surveyor	1,500 00	
Special Needs	5,000 00	
		$21,500 00
New Roads, to be done under contract at discretion of Selectmen:		
Essex Street	$5,000 00	
Railroad Avenue or other	9,200.00	
		14,200.00
		$35,700 00

We hope that this custom of writing articles in the Town Warrant for this and that bit of highway work will be discontinued, and that instead the petitioners will confer with the surveyor and the selectmen when occasion arises, appreciating that they are anxious to give the best service and results possible with the funds available and will welcome constructive suggestions for actual needs and improvements.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON ARTICLES.

Article 4. General Appropriations:

	Appropriated 1927	From Reserve Fund	Spent 1927	Balance 1927	Requested 1928	Recommended 1928
Selectmen	$1,250.00	....	$1,196.01	$53.99	$1,250.00	$1,250.00
Accounting	1,300.00	....	1,267.52	32.48	1,300.00	1,300.00
Treasury	925.00	....	896.17	28.83	950.00	950.00
Tax Collector	900.00	....	870.97	29.03	1,000.00	975.00
Assessors	1,500.00	....	1,499.30	.70	1,900.00	1,500.00
Special						100.00
Certifying Notes	20.00	....	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00
Law	200.00	....	200.00	....	200.00	200.00
Town Clerk	650.00	....	627.47	22.53	650.00	650.00
Election and Registrn.	500.00	....	472.07	27.93	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Hall	2,200.00	....	2,103.32	96.68	2,200.00	2,200.00
Police	1,800.00	151.99*	2,151.99	....	1,800.00	1,800.00
Fire Department	2,500.00	630.26	3,130.26	....	3,075.00	3,075.00

	Appropriated 1927	From Reserve Fund	Spent 1927	Balance 1927	Requested 1928	Recommended 1928
Fire Cistern	3,000.00	....	2,975.00	25.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Sealer	300.00	....	299.97	.03	300.00	300.00
Moth (Town Work)	2,200.00	....	2,199.53	.47	3,000.00	2,200.00
Truck						500.00
Hose						300.00
Moth (Private Prop.)	1,500.00	....	1,499.22	.78	1,500.00	1,500.00
Tree Warden	500.00	....	499.60	.40	500.00	500.00
Forest Warden	85.00	77.10	162.10	....	150.00	150.00
Health	1,800.00	....	1,798.82	1.18	1,800.00	1,800.00
Inspector of Animals	75.00	....	47.25	27.75	75.00	75.00
Highway	21,000.00	536.52	21,536.52	....	21,500.00	
Salary						1,500.00
Maintenance						15,000.00
Special Needs						¶5,000.00
Snow	8,000.00	....	9,380.91	1,380.91†	.....	.....
Street Lighting	7,875.00	....	7,812.20	62.80	7,900.00	7,900.00
Public Welfare	4,000.00	....	3,606.06	393.94	4,000.00	4,000.00
State Aid	300.00	....	264.00	36.00	300.00	300.00
Soldiers' Relief	500.00	50.33	550.33	....	700.00	700.00
Schools	44,500.00					
Dog tax and refund	448.10					
	44,948.10	....	44,944.31	3.79	46,665.00	46,665.00
Schools (New Fence)	.....	....	.....	....	400.00	400.00
Public Library	2,000.00					
From Trust Funds	8.58					
	2,008.58	....	2,008.58	....	1,900.00	1,900.00
Parks	350.00	....	349.70	.30	350.00	350.00
Winthrop Park Fence	250.00	....	250.00	....	250.00	250.00
Memorial Day	250.00	....	250.00	....	300.00	300.00
Town Reports	400.00	....	386.87	13.13	400.00	400.00
Town Clock	50.00	....	25.00	25.00	50.00	50.00
American Legion	250.00	....	250.00	....	250.00	250.00
Boiler Insurance	50.00	....	41.39	8.61	110.00	110.00
Game Warden	15.00	....	10.00	5.00	15.00	15.00
Reserve Fund	3,000.00	....	2,897.64	102.36	3,000.00	3,000.00
Cemetery	900.00	....	884.75	15.25	1,500.00	1,500.00
Interest	3,600.00	183.94	3,783.94	....	3,600.00	3,600.00
Maturing Debt	5,000.00	....	5,000.00	....	5,000.00	‡5,000.00

* Includes Refund $3.60.

¶ To take care of Articles 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19.

† Overdraft.

‡ Appropriation recommended from Excess and Deficiency.

Article 5. To appropriate $1,380.91.
" 6. No action; included in general appropriation.
" 7. Not to accept.
" 8. To accept and refer to surveyor.
" 9. To build under New Roads Appropriation.
" 10. $3,000 recommended from Excess and Deficiency.
" 11. To refer to Highway Department.
" 12. To refer to Highway Department.
" 13. To refer to Highway Department.
" 14. To refer to New Roads Appropriation.
" 15. To refer to Highway Department.
" 16. To refer to Highway Department.
" 17. To refer to Highway Department.
" 18. To refer to Highway Department.
" 19. To refer to Highway Department.
" 20. Approve.
" 21. Approve (included in general appropriation).
" 22. Approve (included in general appropriation).
" 23. Withdrawn (included in school approp'tion).
" 24. Withdrawn (included in school approp'tion).
" 25. Approved.
" 26. Withdrawn (included in general approp'tion).
" 27. Approved.

G. v. L. MEYER, *Chairman,*
J. C. R. PEABODY, *Vice-Chairman,*
L. A. HASKELL, *Secretary,*
WM. W. BANCROFT,
FINLAY D. MacDONALD.
The Finance Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMILTON

FOR THE YEAR

1927

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The School Committee presents herewith its annual report together with those of the Superintendent, Principal, Music and Drawing Supervisors, School Nurse, and Instructors in Manual Arts and Domestic Arts, for the year ending December 31, 1927.

We wish particularly to call attention to the need of immediate permanent repair to the asbestos slate portion of the South School roof. We are constantly having trouble from rain leaking in and soaking the plastering. Each time the above has occurred we have had a carpenter attempt to stop the leak, but have been told that we will always have trouble until the slate has been entirely removed, new heavy waterproof paper laid, and the slate relaid.

The School Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the sum of $46,665 (plus the dog tax) be appropriated for the support of the schools for the ensuing year.

2. That the sum of $2,500 be appropriated for repairing the asbestos slate roof on South School.

3. That the sum of $500 be appropriated for erecting a wire fence on the East boundary of the South School lot, similar to the one on the West side.

4. That the sum of $100 be appropriated for purchasing and erecting a suitable memorial designating "The Adelaide D. Walsh School."

Respectfully submitted,

CLARISSA E. READY,
ALEXANDER H. SPROUL,
ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee:

Dear Madam and Sirs: I herewith submit my fifth annual report as superintendent of your schools.

ENROLLMENT

During the school year closing June 30, 1927, there were four hundred and ten pupils enrolled in the elementary grades and junior-senior high. This shows a decrease of eight pupils during the year. At the close of schools in December the enrollment was three hundred and ninety-seven, the same as of December, 1926.

ATTENDANCE

By giving very close attention to the matter of attendance it has been possible to maintain the high percentage of attendance of 94. It is very evident that the parents are co-operating with the school authorities, realizing that absence from regular school duties means an educational loss to the pupil. The growing appreciation of the value of education by the general public is manifested by the regular attendance of pupils.

PROMOTIONS I—IX

Our promotion lists in June showed that 267 pupils were promoted without conditions, while 28 pupils were retained in the grade. It is very noticeable that about fifty per cent of the

failures occur in grades six, seven and eight. The reason for this may be attributed to the fact that less memory work and more thought work is done in these grades than in the lower grades. This inability to think for themselves is the reason for many failures of students in high school and of their failures later in life. In so far as it is possible, it is the most important work of the schools to teach pupils to think, making use of the facts taught them. There have always been failures because pupils have failed to think. There always will be some failures, but it is our sacred duty to use every means available to keep the number small.

TEACHERS

Following the elections of teachers in March, resignations were received from Misses Bean and Duperry of the Adelaide Dodge Walsh School, Miss Fanning of grade six, Miss Mann of the junior high, and Miss Leighton of the Domestic Science Department. Vacancies were filled by the elections of Misses Gove and Duffy to the Adelaide Dodge Walsh School, Miss Woodsum to grade six, Miss Bean to the junior high, and Miss Whitney to the Domestic Science Department. These teachers have all had from two to five years' teaching experience. Due to the fact that they had all been successful in positions previously held it has been possible for them to adjust themselves to the work required here with practically no loss to our system because of the changes.

Miss Whitney of the Domestic Science Department devotes her full time to our schools, where previously Miss Leighton gave but three days' service weekly. The extra two days' service of this teacher is devoted to instruction work with retarded groups from the junior high school and to the supervision of the noon lunch period. By relieving the regular

teachers of work with the retarded pupils, it allows them to do considerable more work with the class as a whole, and most certainly justifies the extra expenditure.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

As in previous years, it is with satisfaction I am able to report that several of the teachers have availed themselves of opportunities offered to pursue courses in higher institutions of learning. During the past three years twenty-eight teachers have taken twenty-eight different courses relating to the work they are doing in school. Only three teachers have not taken courses during time of employment.

The courses pursued by teachers at Harvard, Boston University, and in Extension Courses conducted by the State Department of Education and in Normal Schools are as follows: U. S. History, Music, American Government, Social Aspects of Education, Principles of Secondary Education, Mathematics in Junior-Senior High Schools, Types of Good Literature, Tests and Measurements, Primary Methods, Design, Household Management, Gregg Shorthand, General Science, Principles of Education, American Literature, Reading Methods in Elementary Grades, English in the Grades, Reading, Story Telling, and Health. One teacher has spent a summer in travel abroad, which is equivalent, in value received, of having pursued several courses.

Doubtless few school systems the size of ours can make as good or better report for a similar period on the professional improvement of teachers. As the teachers profit professionally in pursuing these courses the standard of school work will be raised and our pupils will be benefitted thereby.

Teachers and Courses Pursued in 1927

Teacher	*School*	*Course*
William E. Cottle	Harvard	Measurements
Mrs. Hazel Ramer	Mass. Univ. Exten.	Music Appreciation
Miss Sybil Bean	Boston University	Problems of Junior High School
Miss Carolyn Wyman	Bates College	American Literature
Miss Laura Duperry	Boston Univ.	Elementary English
Miss Lucinda Bean	Boston Univ.	Elementary English
Miss Marion Whitney	Boston University	English
Miss Mabel Gove	Mass. Univ. Exten.	Reading and Story Telling
Miss Ellen Duffy	Mass. Univ. Exten.	Reading and Story Telling

TESTING PROGRAM

In order that the quality of teaching and grade of work done by the pupils may be measured, standard tests are given throughout the year. Instruction work with groups and individuals is varied from time to time as is proven necessary by results obtained in the tests.

Standards for each grade are given by the authors of the tests. Individual pupils and the class as a whole are expected to attain the standards set. Comparisons of work done by the several grades in the towns under my supervision are made for the purpose of raising the standard of work done by all the schools. After the complete records of work by pupils have been filed the tests are given the pupils to take home, that parents may become acquainted with the school requirements and know the standing of their child.

During 1926 the Stanford Achievement Test, Form A, for grades four to eight, was given. This was followed in 1927 by Form B of the same test.

The points on which pupils were tested in the above were:

1. Reading,—Paragraph, Sentence and Word Meaning.
2. Arithmetic,—Computation and Reasoning.
3. Nature Study and Science.
4. History and Literature.
5. Language Usage.
6. Dictation Exercise.

The lowest percent of failures were recorded against Arithmetic, Spelling, Reading, subjects in which pupils have been measured and in which teachers have been given most help during the past four years. Emphasis at the present time is being devoted to Language Usage, as the tests proved very plainly that we were not attaining the desired standard in said subject.

Although our standards attained in Arithmetic are fairly high and need not disturb us greatly, we shall continue to remain in the New England Contest for the purpose of attaining to greater perfection in the subject and for the improvement of methods in instruction. The Wilson Inventory and Diagnostic Tests in Arithmetic are given in this subject throughout the year.

HOME READING WITH SCHOOL CREDIT

When this work was inaugurated in our schools in 1924, little did we realize the number of pupils who would be eventually interested in reading the type of books recommended on the several lists. We have developed in our pupils a desire for the best of literature and so long as they are able to obtain

this they will not be likely to have a desire to read books inferior in quality. The list of pupils receiving certificates, as recorded in this report, is an indication of the interest taken in this work.

To encourage pupils in their reading the best available books the Mothers' Club and School Committee jointly secured the services of Mrs. Marion T. Rudkin of Beverly to give readings from several of the books on the lists. The hour devoted to this work was both inspirational and educational and should result in a greater variety of reading by the pupils.

PENMANSHIP SUPERVISION

Results from our penmanship teaching not having been entirely satisfactory in the grades, the supervision of this work has been given to one of the high school Commercial teachers. She goes to the grades at least once weekly to teach penmanship. Emphasis is placed upon position, free arm movement, letter formation and speed. It is fully expected that in following this plan over a period of years we shall be able to raise our standard in penmanship.

CITIZENSHIP THROUGH CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

If we were asked to define Citizenship, it is probable that it would be defined in terms of political rights, duties and obligations. Only a fraction of our citizenship duties are of a political nature. Broadly speaking, citizenship means so living and working together that the best interest of the whole group are always furthered by thought, word, and act.

It is with this thought in mind that we are now using the Course in Citizenship through Character Development in grades one to eight. The Course which is recognized by authorities as one of the best, was prepared by a committee of Boston Masters assisted by groups of teachers. The Course is built around the following Code of Morals by Hutchins:

I. The Law of Health.
The Good American Tries to Gain and to Keep Perfect Health.

II. The Law of Self-Control.
The Good American Controls Himself.

III. The Law of Self-Reliance.
A Good American is Self-Reliant.

IV. The Law of Reliability.
The Good American is Reliable.

V. The Law of Clean Play.
The Good American Plays Fair.

VI. The Law of Duty.
The Good American Does His Duty.

VII. The Law of Good Workmanship.
The Good American Tries to do the Right Thing in the Right Way.

VII. The Law of Team Work.
The Good American Works in Friendly Co-operation with His Fellow Workers.

IX. The Law of Kindness.
The Good American is Kind.

X. The Law of Obedience to Constituted Authority.
The Good American Obeys the Laws.

XI. The Law of Loyalty.
The Good American is Loyal.

This Course is not an added subject to our already overcrowded curriculum. It is used for guidance and inspiration in our everyday teaching of all subjects, for the purpose of awakening in our pupils a sense of responsibility to every branch of society—home, school, church, club, town, state and nation.

If the work undertaken in the schools can be supplemented by individuals and organizations wherever they come in contact with the young people, lasting benefits will be accomplished and no longer will the schools be accused of training the mind at the expense of the soul.

STATE PROGRAM OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The State Department of Public Health is now working on a ten-year program "to determine the causes of underweights with special reference to the early detection of hilum tuberculosis in the children in the grade schools."

The State Department is conducting clinics throughout the State wherever Boards of Health and School Committees request that the same be held. The request having been made the clinic will be held in Hamilton during the year. All grade pupils whose parents consent will be a given a very thorough physical examination without cost to the parents or town, by a group of physicians and nurses from the State Department of Public Health.

Annually thereafter, for a period of ten years, pupils found having an unsatisfactory health record will be examined that hygienic and medical advice may be given parents in regard to these children.

Every parent should see to it that his children receive the benefits of this clinic when given.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The six recommendations contained in my report of 1926 have been fulfilled without exception.

I have but one recommendation to make in this report. It is hoped that I may not be misunderstood in making this recommendation.

The need of a new high school building in the town is most urgent. The matter has been brought to your attention by my predecessors, which proves that this is not an entirely new idea.

Allow me to quote herewith a letter from Mr. Charles W. Hobbs. The contents of this letter are worthy of the citizens' consideration.

September 19, 1927.

"School Committee, Hamilton, Mass.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I want to write you a word of appreciation of the good work my son was able to do in Hamilton High School. He was admitted to Harvard in June without difficulty.

In the course of a year I see many high schools, and know something of the work in many more; as a constant observer of instruction, I can say that excellent work is done by the teaching and supervisory staff in Hamilton High School. In fact, both my children have been consistently well taught from the first grade to the last. The discipline has been firm but humane and high-minded.

If I may speak unofficially, it is all the more to the credit of the school that good results have been attained in a school

plant which on account of its age, arrangement, and material equipment falls far short of modern standards. The school is worthy of better housing.

Yours truly,

(Signed) CHARLES W. HOBBS,

Supervisor of Instruction,
State Department of Education."

That the matter may be properly presented to the voters, I most urgently recommend that a Committee be appointed to consider the needs of a more satisfactory high school, and that said committee report to the Voters of the Town at a Special Town Meeting to be called to hear said report.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I wish to express to the voters of Hamilton and the school committee my appreciation of their co-operation in making the past school year one of pleasure and benefit to the teaching force and pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. WHITTIER,

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL SAVINGS

Salem Savings Bank

Balance, January 1, 1927	$372 85	
Deposits during 1927	408 11	
Total		$780 96
Withdrawals and Transfers, 1927		386 12
Balance, January 1, 1928		$394 84
Number of Depositors, January 1, 1928		213

AGE OF ADMISSION

No child will be admitted to the first grade at the opening of school in September who will not be five years of age by the first day of October.

Pupils are admitted to this grade only during the first two weeks of school in September, unless they have attended school in some other town.

VACCINATION

Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present certificates from a regular practicing physician stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents are requested to attend to this matter during the summer vacation, as certificates of exemption must be presented at the opening of school to entitle children to admission.

SCHOOL CENSUS

As of October, 1927

	Boys	*Girls*
Number between five and seven years of age	41	26
Number between seven and fourteen years of age	128	123
Number between fourteen and sixteen years of age	17	29
Totals	186	178
Total Census		364

ATTENDANCE

The following pupils were perfect in attendance at school during the school year 1926-1927:

Adelaide Dodge Walsh School

Patrick Keough
George Sprague
Gertrude Sprague
Dorothy Whipple
Edna Sprague
Robert Tucker
Gordon Thompson

South School

Walter McGrath
Helen Stevens
Louise Moulton
Clayton Kirby
John Mullins
Margaret Corcoran
Sidney MacDonald
William Poole
Elizabeth Crowell
Robert Burns
Barbara Ham
Dorothy Kirby
Rita Walsh
Hugh Mullins
Catharine Farrell
Thomas Mullins
Mabel Saulnier
Catherine Darcy

Gladys Farrell
Joseph Morphew
Mary Darcy
Katherine Corcoran
William Smith
Frank Tree
Arthur Perkins
James Donlon

PENMANSHIP

The following pupils received certificates for improvement in Penmanship during the school year 1926-1927:

Adelaide Dodge Walsh School

Patrick Keough
William Preston
Marven Como
Edna Preston
Raymond Barker
Richard Cameron

South School

Louise Moulton
Dorothy Greeley
Elizabeth Crowell
Esther Lee
Catherine McGarry
Orrin Lee
Mary Darcy
Mildred Charles
Annie Maione
Nancy Knowlton
Muriel Gould
Harold McDonald
Lois Campbell
Barbara Porter
Dorothy Hooper
Bessie Dunn

HOME READING WITH SCHOOL CREDIT

Public Library and Public Schools Co-operating

The following pupils received Reading Certificates for having read ten or more books from the approved list:

Grade 3

*Barbara Ham
**Ruth Saulnier
Louise Moulton
William Stone

*Dorothy Fletcher
**Dorothy Alexander
Benjamin Robertson
Frank Tree
**Virginia Gould
**Dorothy Vennard
****Arthur McGlauflin
**Lillian Emeney

Grade 4

Grace Cullity
Eileen Armstrong
Alfred McRae
Thelma Mann
**Nellie Emeney
**Madeline Campbell
Ralph Tuck
****Helen McCarthy
***Mary Bancroft
***George Dunn
Carmela De Luca
*Richard Peale
*****John Dunn
Lura Bailey
Robert Smith

Grade 5

**Edward Carter
**Thomas Sargent
***John Adams
********Kenneth McRae
*Elizabeth Tuttle
Clayton Kirby
John Mullins
Chester Baker
Robert Comeau
*****Edward Laski
**John Darcy
**Milton Sanford
*Dorothy Greeley
Dorothy Kirby
Rita Walsh
Helen Tuck
Hugh Mullins
Bernice Cullen

Grade 6

*Virginia Adams
Virginia Back
*Eleanor Barker
*Margaret Corcoran
Robert Armstrong
Maude Bancroft
Donald Campbell
Carolyn Cooper

Doris Cushman
*Mary De Luca
Alice Dunn
*Esther French
Janice Gould
Margery Hatt
**Nancy Knowlton
Lawrence Lamson
Thomas Mullins
*Tasea Pappas
**William Poole
**Stephen Sargent
Mabel Saulnier
*William Stevens
Mary Walsh

**Thelma Davis
Ada Dolliver
*Catherine Farrell
James Gildart
Donald Greeley
Virginia Hatt
Alexander Koloski
Sidney MacDonald
Frances Nickerson
Ralph Porter
Joseph Sanders
*Oretta Saunders
Constance Stevens
Ruby Tree
Albert Webb

Grade 7

**Gertrude Alexander
*Howard Boyd
*Catherine Darcy
**Mary Donlon
Annie Gildart
******Everett Holland
*Esther Lee
**Harold McDonald
James Miller
John Ryan
William Smith

Gladys Back
*Elizabeth Crowell
*Edith Dolliver
Gladys Farrell
Muriel Gould
John King
Edna Linn
Catherine McGarry
*George Perkins
Henry Sanders
Elsie Tremblay

Grade 8

John Sewell
Orrin Lee
Mary Darcy
Katherine Corcoran
Alice Bancroft
Ruth Charles
Robert Haskell
Shirley Kirby
Alice Newhall
Edith Pope
Josephine Sanders
George Smith
Lois Campbell
Barbara Porter
**Arthur Perkins
Bernice Armstrong
*Walter Buzzell
Flora Dodge
****Joseph Hill
Barbara Knowlton
****Christina Pappas
Elinor Pope
**John Spear
Thomas Walsh

Adelaide Dodge Walsh School

PRIMARY ROOM

***Patrick Keough
***Wallace Knowlton, Jr.
***Gertrude Sprague

INTERMEDIATE ROOM

******Dorothy Whipple
****Katharine Cracknell
***Edna Sprague
****Margaret Sargeant
*George McDonald
***Roger Barron
Raymond Barker
*Edna Preston
Harold Knowlton
*William Preston
***Earl Faulkner
***Robert Hiller
*William McDonald
**Georgina Cracknell

A star is given for each five additional books read over the ten needed to secure the certificate.

SPELLING

The following pupils represented their grade in the Town Spelling Contest held in April, 1927:

South School

Grade III	Ruth Saulnier
Grade IV	Helen McCarthy
Grade V	Chester Baker
Grade VI	*Mary Walsh (2)
Grade VII	Gladys Farrell
Grade VIII	*John Sewell (1)

A. D. Walsh School

Grade III	Patrick Keough
Grade IV	Margaret Sargeant
Grade V	Dorothy Whipple
Grade VI	Eleanor Barker

* Winners of town to represent town at Union Contest.
(1)—(2) Order of winning.

HONOR LIST

The following pupils received no rank below A and B for the entire school year 1926-27:

Junior High

Gladys Back	Lois Campbell
Elizabeth Crowell	Alice Newhall
Gladys Farrell	Flora Dodge
Muriel Gould	Eleanor Pope
Everett Holland	Thelma Bailey
Ether Lee	Beatrice Edmondson

Catherine McGarry
Barbara Porter
Jack Spear
Edith Pope
Barbara Hobbs
Kathleen Morphew
Polly Feener
Charles Whipple

Senior High

Sarah Ayers
Sarah Katz
Grace Melanson
Wilhelmenia Ready
Helen Haraden
Dorothy Hatt
Julia Buzzell
Wayne Hobbs
Violet Mason
Irene Pope
Norman Peatfield

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir: I hereby submit the following, my second annual report:

Registration for the school year 1927-1928 is 167, divided as follows:

Class	*Boys*	*Girls*	*Total*	*Withdrawals*
Junior 1	21	20	41	5
Junior 2	20	16	36	1
Junior 3	15	15	30	1
Senior 1	8	14	22	1
Senior 2	3	13	16	..
Senior 3	2	19	21	1
Post Graduate	1	..	1	..
Totals	70	97	167	9

All withdrawals have been by pupils who have left to enter other schools. We have a right to be proud of our registration. In ten towns about the same size as Hamilton only eighteen percent of the total school population is found in the high school. In Hamilton twenty-two percent of our school population is found in grades nine to twelve.

During the year 1926-1927 there were 171 students in school, we graduated a class of 17, and the number that entered college or other higher institutions of learning was nine. It is a very commendable thing to have more than 50 percent of the graduating class continue their education beyond the high school. The number of students attending college has

increased from one each in years 1922 and 1923, to five in 1927. The school keeps up with the character of work these students do in the various institutions which they attend. These records show that during the past five years less than eight percent were reported as failing in their college work, while sixteen percent were reported as doing excellent work. When ninety-two percent of our graduates who have entered higher institutions are succeeding, the percentage of failures is certainly very low, and this is especially noticeable when compared with similar statistics from other schools.

The appointment of a full-time teacher to take charge of the work in domestic science has made possible certain rearrangements in the schedule. Vocal music, which was discontinued in the senior high school several years ago, has been restored to the course of study. An elective course in mythology enables college students to familiarize themselves with the classic myths. In seasonable weather physical training has been put on a supervised play basis. As I pointed out in my report last year, indoor athletic games are impossible, due to lack of proper floor space. It is necessary, therefore, to substitute a short period of setting-up drills during the winter months. These are not as effective or as interesting as keenly competitive games for the majority of children. It has been impossible to do our best in physical education because of the lack of room.

The establishment of a good working library is a matter too important to be forgotten and the school department has been steadily enlarging our supply of books for this purpose. Let me say that it is not intended to try to compete with the town library. The latter, however, cannot supply many books of the particular kind required in the high school library, and the collection now being gotten together seeks to provide necessary collateral material, especially in English, literature, and

history. We need a room for our library where pupils may read and study before and after school as well as during school hours. Half of each day the room now used for study, where our library books are located, is used as a recitation room. This make it difficult for pupils to study properly as well as make the best use of the available reference books.

I have every reason to believe that good conscientious work is being done in the junior-senior high school. The results are not always as nearly perfect as we wish for, as much depends on the pupil. From kindergarten to university he will, under reasonable conditions, take out what he puts in. In order to take out a mind developed to its reasonable capacity, he must put in punctual and regular attendance, attention and perseveringly hard work. No child can saunter nonchalantly through school, deigning to give it little interest and less effort, and think he is doing justice to himself, his parents, or the community. A certain amount of interest and effort may be commanded inside the schoolroom walls; but it remains now, as it always has, here and everywhere, for the parents to insist that their children prepare well whatever home lessons are required and to support by their own interest and authority the work which the teachers are seeking to perform.

Our school has more than its share of good teachers; in earnestness, in devotion to their work, and in a high desire to achieve real results, our teaching corps deserves well of the community. They ask, wisely and justly, the generous co-operation of parents. In the long run, the interest of parents and teachers are identical, for each is seeking the child's welfare and advancement.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the admirable spirit of co-operation with which I have been met by the teaching corps, school board, and by the superintendent,

whose sympathetic understanding of the many-sided problems of a school principal has been unfailing and whose confidence has been generously and frequently shown.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. COTTLE,

Principal.

REPORT OF DRAWING SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir: I herewith submit my third annual report of drawing.

The aims in the drawing course are to develop the power in pupils to express themselves through drawing, to cultivate an appreciation for beauty in form and color, and to train them to use good taste in the furnishings of life.

No change has been made in the general program as followed last year. An effort is made to outline the work to meet the needs of varying stages of development, correlating drawing with other subjects, with the holidays and seasons, and the special study or interest of any group.

The lower grade work consists mostly in constructing sand-tables and making simple borders for the rooms, all of which is closely related to their studies and interest. The third and fourth grade drawing is closely correlated with the geography and history. In the fifth grade a great deal of attention is given to using water-color as a medium of expression. Following the plan of the past two years, the sixth grade work is correlated with the study of Ancient History.

A number of lessons in the junior and senior high classes have been devoted to poster work. Posters play an important part in the commercial world, and good posters should be encouraged in every way. This sort of work also makes practical use of lessons in lettering, freehand drawing, and arrangement. Several of our posters were entered in the contest held under the auspices of the Essex County Health Association at Beverly, when several were exhibited with a group, receiving honorable mention.

Posters were also entered in the contest held by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and we were pleased to receive the following awards:

Small Medal (2nd):
Robert Robertson, 3rd, William Smith.

Honorable Mention:
Beatrice Edmonson, Barkley Tree.

In the high school drawing, along with regular class work and poster work, time was given to making useful Christmas presents. The girls enjoyed painting doorstops with oil paint and were more than surprised to learn how cheaply they could do them. They also framed some of their water-color pictures, thus learning a little about picture framing.

An exhibit of our regular school work and posters was held in co-operation with other schools at the annual Topsfield Fair last September.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation to the superintendent, principal, teachers and pupils for their interest and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ABBIE U. CRAGG,
Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir: I herewith submit my annual report as Supervisor of Music.

During the past year the method of teaching music has been like that of the previous years, with more emphasis on tone quality and part work.

One of the greatest projects that has been developed the past few years along with the regular instruction in singing, is the course in Appreciation of Music.

For the past few years this course was only in seventh and eighth grades, but after much consideration it has been extended, including all grades, even the first. Each building has been furnished with Music Appreciation Records.

Through this work the children are taught the habit of intelligent and cultural listening and they are brought in contact with the best in music.

The particular set of records that are in use are the result of careful research, which brings to our boys and girls beautiful and fascinating music of the finest type. The recordings have been made by the best artists and orchestral accompaniments by members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

Each group of selections are within the child's scope of understanding and develop some new idea. They are taught to recognize the tone of each instrument of the orchestra through familiar and unfamiliar songs.

The first six initial songs are: two by soprano voice, two

by violin, two by trumpet. The following six are rhythmic songs: three by violin, three by trumpet in march and waltz rhythms with piano accompaniment.

The next group of selections develop, in addition to the soprano voice, violin, trumpet and piano, the flute, also small orchestral accompaniments. In this manner each instrument is thoroughly studied and grouped together.

Both teachers and pupils have responded with great interest and the results have been most gratifying. I earnestly hope we may add to this set each year until the complete course is in use.

This year, in place of a Girls' Glee Club in the High School, we have a general chorus period, making music compulsory for all, which is meeting with good results.

A small orchestra has been organized and I am in hopes it may soon be augmented by pupils that are studying privately.

The Music Memory Contest was held in Hamilton again, Manchester winning the banner for one year.

We are again indebted to the Mothers' Club for providing money for prizes in the Music Memory and Notebook Contest. Prizes were awarded to the following: Howard Boyd, Polly Feener, Elizabeth Crowell, Ruth Charles, Elinor Pope, Barbara Hobbs, Jack Spear and Harold McDonald.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the superintendent, school committee and teachers for their loyal support and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE L. THOMAS,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir: I herewith submit my third annual report as School Nurse for the Town of Hamilton.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

All children were examined by Dr. Corcoran the first of the school year through the grades. The result of the examination is as follows:

	No. exam.	*Defects*	*Notices Sent*	*Corrections*
Tonsils	346	22	22	13 (2 pre-school)
Teeth	*407	227	227	190 (cleaned)
Heart	346	3	3	
Lungs	346	1	1	excluded from school
Eyes	346	15	15	5
Ears	346	7	7	
Posture	346	32		
Pediculosis	346	6	6	6
Glands	346	5	5	5
Underweights	346	52	52	12
				28 gained some
				12 did not gain

* Examined by Miss Linehan, Dental Hygienist.

Simple dressings taken care of at school	138
Home visits for defective causes	103

Children out with Contagious Diseases, Grades 1 to 8:

Measles 18, Mumps 18, Whooping Cough 15, Chicken Pox 11, Scarlet Fever 21.

Miscellaneous Causes of Absence: Appendicitis 3, Mastoid 1, Pneumonia 2, Erysipelas 1, Impetigo 8, Sub-Mucuous resection 1.

PRE-SCHOOL EXAMINATION

We hope to continue with pre-school clinics, as by so doing children entering school in the fall may benefit and any found with defects may have the same corrected during the summer months.

The State Department of Public Health, co-operating with the School and Health Departments, intends to hold a special clinic this coming year, examining all children attending school, regardless of age, where permission is secured from the parents. This examination will include a thorough physical examination of the chest, a Von Pirquet test and an X-Ray of those that react to the Von Pirquet test. This is given without cost to parents.

This means that a home visit will be made to each home by the school nurse to secure a history of every child attending school. All parents wishing their children examined will sign a blank giving their consent for the examination.

DENTAL WORK

The school department secured the services of Miss Marjorie Linehan, Dental Hygienist, who examined the teeth of all children and did the necessary cleanings. She also gave instructions to the children about caring for their teeth. Notices were sent all parents of pupils needing fillings or extractions, with the request that they co-operate by having the necessary work done by their family dentist.

POSTURE

Pins were given to pupils having the best posture and those having poor posture were encouraged to try for a pin this year. Pupils in Hamilton receiving pins last year were as follows:

Hazel Cullen
Paul McCarthy
Van Withee
Dora Marks
Amy Dolliver
Grace Marks
Betty Cushman
Loring Cullen
Virginia Gould
William Stone
Ruth Saulnier
Arthur McGlauflin
Mary Walsh
Ralph Porter
Sidney McDonald
Tasea Pappas
Alice Stone
George Dunn
Jeanne Hipson
Thelma Mann
Thomas Sargent
Clayton Kirby
Rita Walsh
Helen Tuck

HEALTH PROGRAM

At the beginning of each school year a general inspection is given all children through the grades. A record of this inspection is kept on file for each child, in the form of a physical health card, thereby enabling the nurse, with the help of the school physician and co-operation of the parents, to rectify any defects found in the individual child. These defects are often the cause of the child's being unable to profit from instruction provided. A report is sent home and the nurse follows up this work with the parents.

Every week throughout the school year general inspection for cleanliness is given. Occasional talks are given in the grades in regard to healthy living and the value of a well balanced diet for the growing child. Instruction will be given to

the older girls in bedside nursing later on in the school year. The course will include bed making; bathing a bed patient; taking temperature, pulse and respiration; filling and caring for hot-water bags and ice caps, and much other useful information that will be of value in any home.

This year the School Committee is conducting a campaign for the prevention of Diphtheria. A letter with all the necessary facts has been sent to every home, asking all parents to co-operate by reading the facts carefully, then signing the attached blank giving consent for the test. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." We hope for 100 per cent consents in Hamilton.

In closing I wish to thank the superintendent, teachers and members of the school committee for their co-operation in maintaining the health work.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE L. STOBBART, R. N.,

School Nurse.

REPORT OF THE INSTRUCTOR OF DOMESTIC ARTS

To the Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir: I hereby submit my first annual report of the work of the Domestic Science Department of Hamilton.

First, allow me to congratulate you on the equipment of the Domestic Science room. Although the room is unfortunately located, and more equipment, especially a dining suite, is desirable to enable the serving of meals to be taught more advantageously, yet the fundamental equipment we have must have been planned and purchased with thoughtful consideration to quality, quantity and use.

Our aim in presenting the vocational work in our department is not to make skillful cooks and dressmakers, but to instill in the minds of the students the highest ideals of homemaking and to lay as firm a foundation as possible in the mechanical work, so that the girls will obtain a working knowledge of the various occupations pursued in the home, and we hope, will be sufficiently interested to carry her studies into the home right now and become a more helpful member of that home. I am trying to have the girls understand the difference between a "homemaker" and a "housekeeper," and to realize that the sphere of a homemaker is much greater than that of housekeeper.

Keeping these aims in mind, we lay the foundations of this work in the sixth grade, where sewing is offered. Fundamental stitches and their uses are taught as the children make useful articles for the home and for themselves. In the seventh grade we continue this work. The girls are making their cooking

uniforms now and I hope that they will be able to make a simple cotton dress in the spring.

In the eighth grade we are learning to serve three simple meals. The girls have already served a breakfast, the girl that acts as daughter serving as waitress, as she really should in her home.

The ninth grade girls are continuing their work in cooking and are studying more deeply the principles involved in cookery and dietetics.

I hope to devote all of next term in this class to the serving of meals for a family of four. This will make the work more practical and, I hope, greatly increase the interest of the girls in their own home kitchens.

The advanced Clothing Class is making more difficult articles of clothing and is to take up the study of textiles.

I wish the Household Management class could be rechristened the Homemaking Class. "Homemaking" includes Household Management and infinitely more. No matter how well a household manager may carry out her work, she cannot be in the greatest sense a succes if she has not the real spirit of a "homemaker."

I wish to take this time to thank you, the principal, and all others who have helped me by co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION F. WHITNEY,

Instructor in Domestic Arts.

REPORT OF THE INSTRUCTOR IN MANUAL ARTS

To the Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir: I herewith submit my report of the year's work in the Manual Arts Department.

In this report I shall endeavor to show the progress of my students through the different grades.

The boys in the sixth grade have proved very adaptable to the work. They are eager to learn, and try hard to do their work properly. The class work consists of simple problems, which give insight into the standards of good workmanship, and training in the use of tools. There is, of course, marked difference in the ability of the individual; but it is most encouraging to see the willingness of the class to make every effort to get accurate results.

The seventh grade pupils have retained the training of the previous year, and have progressed well in the course given this year. There is a marked increase in accuracy, as well as a fine development in self-criticism and initiative. The boys have improved in understanding of their ability and show fair judgment in selection of projects. Good-natured competition is evident, and does much to raise the standard of work in the class.

By the time the students have reached the eighth grade they are much more capable of taking directions and producing good results. For this reason they can be allowed to select more difficult problems and the work can be more specialized. The development at this point make the difference in ability more apparent; so that more individual problems can be used.

In the higher grades the work in this department is elective and it is possible to allow the students more freedom of selection in their work. At this stage the students should have acquired proficiency in the use of tools and execution of work.

It is not possible in a course of this kind to produce skilled workmen, but the training given should develop clear insight into the meaning of craftsmanship.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. BEZANSON,

Instructor in Manual Arts.

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

TOWN HALL

Tuesday Evening, June Twenty-Eight, 1927

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

PROGRAM

Invocation ..... REV. J. R. THROCKMORTON

June Song ..... *King*

MURIEL PENTZ, *Soprano,* MARGUERITE MASON, *Alto*

CHORUS

Commencement Address ..... REV. FRED R. LEWIS

Toward the Shore of Pellestrina ..... *Affenbach*

CHORUS

Presentation of Class Gift ..... VIOLET MASON

Presentation of History Medal

Awarding of Diplomas ..... ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.

Bells of St. Mary's ..... A. Emmet Adams

CHORUS

Benediction ..... REV. J. R. THROCKMORTON

MARCH

CLASS ROLL

Lawrence Elmer Anderson
Dorothy Mae Back
Julia Gertrude Burns
Julia Dane Buzzell
Helen Ruth Cullity
Mary Elizabeth Dodge
Dora Bernice Doucette
*Wayne Hobbs
*Edward Arthur Honeysett
Marguerite Joan Lake
Anna Rose Kelliher
*Violet Ann Mason
*Norman Everett Peatfield
Elizabeth Annette Pfaff
*Irene Pope
Harold Clifton Smerage
Gladys Evelyn Whipple

* Honor pupils

CLASS MOTTO

Vouloir c'est pouvoir

CLASS FLOWER

American Beauty Rose

CLASS COLORS

Blue and Gold

MEMBERSHIP BY AGES AND GRADES, OCTOBER 1, 1926

Grades	AGES 5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Totals	% Retarded
1	21	13	2												36	0
2		28	11	3	1										43	2
3		4	16	9	5										34	0
4			9	22	15	5	1	2							54	5
5					20	9	6	3							38	7
6					4	21	14	5	3	1					48	8
7							18	12	6	4					40	10
8								14	13	4	3				34	8
9							1	2	5	15	6	1			30	3
10										1	6	15	3		25	12
11										4	4	10	3		21	0
12											2	12	3	3	20	0
Total in Grades 1 to 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	253	3
Total in Grades 7 to 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	6
Total in Grades 1 to 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	423	4

HAMILTON TEACHERS' DIRECTORY, JANUARY, 1928

Name	School	Subject or Grade	Salary	Appointment	Education Last School Attended
William E. Cottle	High, Principal	Science and Math.	$2950	1926	Clark University
Bessie F. McRae	High, Assistant	Commercial	1300	1925	Salem Normal
Mary E. Burns	High, Assistant	Commercial	1100	1927	Salem Normal
Mrs. Laura W. Boyd	High, Assistant	English and History	1700	1925	Emerson College
Bernice L. Hayward	High, Assistant	French and Latin	1400	1925	Boston University
Mrs. Hazel E. Ramer	Junior High Asst.	Science and Geog.	1600	1921	Salem Normal
Sybil G. Bean	Junior High Asst.	Liter. and History	1400	1927	Boston University
Carolyn Wyman	Junior High Asst.	English and Arith.	1450	1925	Gorham Normal
Doris E. Woodsum	South	Grade 6	1200	1927	Keene Normal
Margaret K. Batchelder	South	Grade 5	1250	1920	Salem Normal
Marian C. Joseph	South	Grade 4	1250	1921	Salem Normal
Edith L. Fletcher	South	Grade 3	1450	1906	Salem Normal
Mrs. Marion S. Batchelder	South	Grade 2	1350	1926	Hyannis Summer
Nelly G. Cutting	South	Grade 1	1500	1915	Salem Normal
Afton F. Bezanson	South	Manual Arts	1120	1926	Marblehead High
Marion F. Whitney	South	Domestic Arts	1400	1927	Farmington Normal
Ellen Duffy	A. D. Walsh	Grades 4-6	1200	1927	Gorham Normal
Mabel G. Gove	A. D. Walsh	Grades 1-3	1200	1927	Perry Kindergarten
Abbie U. Cragg	All	Drawing	300	1925	Salem Normal
Maude L. Thomas	All	Music	350	1923	Boston University
Florence L. Stobbart	All	Nurse	745	1925	Beverly Hospital

SCHOOL CALENDAR, YEAR 1928-1929

1928

January 3	Schools open
February 22	Holiday
February 24	Schools close
March 5	Schools open
April 19	Holiday
April 27	Schools close
May 7	Schools open
May 30	Holiday
June 27	Schools close at noon

Summer Vacation

September 5	Schools open
October 12	Holiday
November 28	Schools close at noon
December 3	Schools open
December 21	Schools close

1929

January 2	Schools open
February 21	Schools close
March 4	Schools open
April 19	Holiday
April 26	Schools close
May 6	Schools open
May 30	Holiday
June 26	Schools close at noon